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## DEMOCRATIC LETTERS ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

### Position and Prospects of the Eastern War.

LONDON, Friday, Oct. 20, 1854.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW-YORK DAILY TIMES:

SIR: The fall of Sebastopol—if it should fall, which is not even yet absolutely certain—will have closed the policy of delays hitherto followed by the Western Powers. The ruins of the Russian granite stronghold in the Euxine will lay heavily upon the buried prospect of bombarded peace, and negotiations will have been sunk to the bottom with the Czar's fleet in the destroyed harbor. Until now—until the so long and so studiously postponed expedition against the Crimea had become a fact—European Diplomatists, like Chinese jugglers, threw knives and outlances at the Czar, one of their own tribe, without hurting so much as his little finger. Somehow or other, Nicholas standing impassible, and with his back against the mysterious beard of prestige that has caught all these pointed instruments of statesmanship, escaped miraculously from what was thought by spectators to be an unavoidable death. And the game might have gone on, to be sure, for an infinite time, but for the Czar, who, being tired of his motionless though safe position, began to move his arms and fingers which the diplomatic daggers had passed between and under, with astounding dexterity. "Don't move, for Heaven's sake," whispered the alarmed notes and protocols, "or we are lost; the trick will be discovered and then we shall not be at liberty to let you escape unhurt, lest our reputation shall be gone forever. Keep quiet, man, and not a single hair on your head shall be disturbed." The supplication was, however, of no avail. NICHOLAS moved. His partners got nervous, and as the curtain fell in the midst of public excitement on a *coup de main*. The expedition sailed. The Crimea has been invaded, and without any opposition, too, although it was hopefully expected that Russia, duly forewarned as she was to prepare for the worst, would not have neglected to lay some such impediments in the way of landing as should have provided the Allied Cabinets with some plausible pretext for giving up—as was officially foreshadowed—the enterprise, at least for this year. The battle of the Alma has been fought—statesmanship lay prostrate on the murderous field of victory, and between the slain groaned the *Policy of Peace*, deadly wounded, and leaving no hopes of recovery to its dearest and nearest friends. In its agonies it uttered the supreme cry of last hope, *Sebastopol est prise!* and dispatched a Tartar "bold and swift" to announce the *unexpected* close of the war; but, alas, the Allies caught a Tartar without ever reaching him.

And there we are now, on the southern heights of Sebastopol, with trenches thrown up, and War, real, earnest War thundering out its supreme rule, by the mouths of 1,500 guns, and there will be no possibility, Sir, to silence that proclamation of the *new policy*, whatever the fate of Sebastopol may be. And this fate is not yet sealed, though it is confidently pronounced by all the trumpeters of Cabinets, that have been so slow to begin the work, which needed dispatch to be ended quickly. Now that Russia has resigned herself to the loss of her Black Sea fleet, and has proved that resignation by destroying part of it by her own hands, Sebastopol is nothing more than a strong position, like the one on the Alma, only far more formidable. To carry that position, the Allies are obliged to lay, *first*, a regular siege against the forts, (twelve in number and very formidable, according to a *private* plan recently sent from Constantinople to a gentleman of important connections,) on the south. These once taken, the town of Sebastopol and the Russian ships, if any should be left by that time, would, no doubt, be at the mercy of the Allies. But the *position* will by no means have been carried by that. *More than half* of the work remains to be done—the forts and the position on the *North* being not only more formidable than those on the South, but *commanding these* entirely, and to such a degree as to render their possession untenable by any Power that has not first dislodged its enemy from the opposite range of fortified heights. The Allies, by turning the north and making Balaklava the basis of their operations, have sufficiently demonstrated the strength of that position against an attack from the line on the Belbeck, even by an army flushed by a victory on the Alma. Well, this same position, *assailed from the North*, is comparably stronger against an attack *from the South*, the fortifications having been built not with the view to move an attack from that side and the sea. To carry, therefore, that position, the allies will have more to do than even the *dislodgement*—for it will be but a dislodgment—of the Russians from the south side. I will not enter into calculations about the loss of the invading army during these necessarily long operations. In this respect, it is enough to remember that the *first* and single battle on the Alma cost the allies above 5,000 men *hors du combat*, and that the cholera, after even official and more recent accounts, is raging with unabated violence in the camps. Add to these that the permanent current of the Black Sea *toward* the Bosphorus, at this season, scourged by fearful storms, is raised to such a height that ships bound for the Crimea, are—as they were at all times—obliged to sail all along the southern coast of the Euxine as far as Sinope, and there to try to cross over. Steam, to be sure, can master wave and wind, but a delay of 48 hours in the arrival of *provisions* for an army of 100,000 men, utterly devoid of any other sources of supply, would produce most appalling catastrophes. And against such a delay even steamers are not insured.

But let all these difficulties, hardships and losses be discharged, and the *position* at Sebastopol be taken. What next? Well, it will be a great triumph, no doubt, and the allied Cabinets will send most expert engineers to blow up the sunken fleet of Russia, and so clear the harbor from the obstructions that close its entrance. The forts also destroyed, partly by the besiegers, partly by the besieged, will, to be sure, not be rebuilt so easily, but, after all, Sebastopol may be turned into a splendid naval station for the combined fleets, and the heights around the port and town put into an efficient state of *defence against an attack from the east and north*. But who is to attack them there? The Russians; and to drive them out from the whole Peninsula, and then to close, to fortify and to garrison the narrow neckland of Perekop will be the *next* affair for the allies, after the fall of Sebastopol.

From all we see, Prince MENSCHIKOFF is instructed to defend his position to the utmost, *but also to save the army, at all events*. The sinking of the fleet, the burning of villages, the destruction of all shelter, wealth and food, prove clearly the intentions of the Czar. These immense sacrifices are not endured with a view to secure or even to seek for *peace*. This he could have obtained *cheaper*. He is decided to carry on the war, at every risk, and when he sees what the reduction of a single stronghold has cost the allies, in time, exertion, money and men, he may, from the depth of an immense empire, form some admissible hopes of tiring out the *involuntary energy* and superior skill, as well as power of the allies. He will have lost the Crimea—for a time—and may afford to lose Finland for the same period. But what has he to dread, permanently, from enemies who spend a whole year to wound his little toe? Evidently not much. I say, therefore, that Russia *will not yield*, even if Sebastopol should fall. *Peace* is consequently out of the question on that side.

And what if Sebastopol should not fall after all? Winter, Cholera, the strength of the position, unforeseen disasters, some more victories like that on the Alma, with 5,000 killed and *three* guns conquered, and the *coup de main* will have proved a failure. Would such a failure make the Czar more tractable? Could England and NAPOLEON *offer*, after a defeat, propositions more acceptable than the noticed four already made, to an enemy that repulsed their *first* serious attack? I will not dwell on the inadmissibility of these questions, the fall of Sebastopol being, moreover, more probable than its successful defence. The fact, whatever the result may be, is that peace is as much out of question with the allies as it is with Russia.

But, then, you will ask me, Sir, how will the war be concluded? And such is, to be sure, the great, the vital question in that stupendous struggle. I will tell you my opinion, in some short lines.

The battle of Alma created the *war*. Until the 20th of September we had only *hostilities*. The peace diplomacy having been thrown overboard, that *war* will force itself more and more upon the Allies. To carry it on efficiently, that is, to gain the wished for peace, they are evidently *insufficient*. Russia, as she stands now, is invulnerable on all but her extreme points. There is a Chinese wall of neutrality between herself and the Western Powers. She is covered against any attack against her vital part. The Allies *must break* these walls, by one way or another. The *necessity* of such an enterprise is commanded by the evident sterility of all other expedients. What hands will this work be done by? "Here am I," says Revolution, "*I will* do the work." And Poland, Italy, Hungary, Germany, only want to be told, *Laissez aller!*—to rush to the rescue. "Stop!" says Austria, "*I shall* do your work, *do not call* upon other hands. You know I am your friend. Let *me* break down those partition walls. I promise you I shall do *it*, but have some patience till I have so *strengthened myself against my enemies in the Bund*." The war, Sir, is at this supreme moment of *decision* on the part of the Allies and of Austria. Revolution stands, with her arms folded in solemn expectation, before them, inspiring anxiety to both of them, and some mean calculations to the *first*, who say: "Austria, look here on that tiptoe giant; this is *ready to join you*; we prefer, however, to have you for an ally, but, remember, an ally *we must have, and that soon*."

And so you will hear, Sir, by this mail, that Monsieur DE PRESSENSÉ has written a letter to the Emperor on the Eastern question, in which letter the restoration of Poland's independence is pointed out by the late Minister of NAPOLEON, as the *only possible means* to secure a lasting peace. You will hear, also, by this mail, that Austria's *last confidential*, but, somehow or other, still *published* note to Prussia, has produced the best possible effect in Paris and London. And, lately, you will equally hear, that while the *young* CZARTOROINSKY (Revolution in its most innocent and childish shape) has received an invitation to the Imperial stag-huntings at Compiegne, the young Emperor of Austria invites the allies to march and walk at their pleasure in the sportive grounds of the Principalities. The future will show who was *the highest bidder*.

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## NEW-YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

### Semi-Centennial Anniversary.

#### DINNER AT THE ASTOR HOUSE.

#### SPEECH OF HON. ROBERT C. WINTHROP.

#### Addresses of Dr. John W. Francis, Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bradish and others.

The First Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the New-York Historical Society was celebrated yesterday, with appropriate and highly interesting ceremonies. Fifty years have elapsed since this Society was established, and of its original founders but very few remain. Among the number present on this occasion were Dr. JOHN W. FRANCIS, Rev. Dr. MATHEWS and Hon. CHARLES KING,—first members.

The exercises of the Semi-Centennial consisted of an Oration, delivered by Hon. GEORGE BANCROFT, and a Dinner at the Astor House, at which 220 gentlemen sat down. We give Mr. BANCROFT'S Oration in full on another page.

The Dinner was admirably served. Hon. LUTHER BRADISH, President of the Society, presided; supported on his right by the Orator of the Day, and on his left by Rev. Dr. MATHEWS. Among the invited guests, seated on the dais, were Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, of Massachusetts; Dr. FRANCIS, Commodore MCKEEVER, U. S. N., Col. STANTON, of Tennessee, Prof. ST. GEORGE TUCKER, of Virginia, and others. Grace was said by Rev. Dr. DEWITT, and the viands were attacked.

The cloth having been removed, the President announced the first regular toast. He spoke as follows:

To the members and friends of the New-York Historical Society, this its first semi-centennial anniversary is one of great interest. In looking back, through the intervening half century to the origin of the Society, to the early difficulties it had to encounter, to its progress through those difficulties to its present condition of high prosperity, we find much reason for encouragement and for congratulation. In looking forward from this advanced position of present achievement to the future, the horizon of our field of labor becomes enlarged before us, and we are admonished that past success should serve only to stimulate future effort, and that the practical motto of this society should be to consider nothing as done while anything remains yet to be done.

With these preliminary remarks, I ask you to prepare for the first regular toast:

*The 20th November, 1804*—The Birth-Day of the New-York Historical Society; rich in its memories of the Past, and in its Hopes of the future, may each return of this Anniversary find the Society more abounding in its means, more active in its operations, and more extended in its usefulness.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

The PRESIDENT again rose, and said: On an occasion like the present, it is eminently fit and proper that we should not be unmindful of those to whom, enlightened wisdom, whose public spirit, and whose personal efforts we are indebted for the origin, progress, and present prosperity of this Society. Among these are the names of DEWITT CLINTON, Egbert BENSON, R. LIVINGSTON, Samuel MILLER, Samuel L. MITCHILL, David HOSACK, Cadwallader WILKINS, John FISHER, Peter A. JAY, James KENT, Peter Gerard STUYVESANT, Albert GALLATIN, Samuel JONES, Phillip HONE, James G. KING, James LENOX, and others. I ought not to forget the last when we have lost, Jonathan M. WAINWRIGHT. (Cheers.) These are names not only short, the cherish of this Society, but many of them are held and brilliant upon the records of the History of our State and Country. I ask you therefore, to unite with me in honoring these names, and prepare for the second regular toast.

*The memory of the Founders and Benefactors of the Society.*

Dr. JOHN W. FRANCIS was received with much enthusiasm. He said: I wish, Mr. President, you had called upon some one more competent than myself. You will at once perceive that I labor under considerable embarrassment, owing to a little difficulty of speech caused by a severe cold caught a few evenings ago, and not properly attended to. Besides, Sir, I do not see how it is possible to gather confidence enough for the evening, surrounded as I am with so much loveliness at this end of the room, and so much talent throughout the entire hall. (Cheers.) I am, Sir, within an atmosphere of intellect. You have to-day had a blaze of it. You have seen the force of it. You have witnessed its incantation, and you know how wonderfully magnificent its influence has been. How then, can a farthing rush-light display any light on this occasion? Your toast is one of most copious extent. You have demanded of me that I should say something I know relative to the commencement of this Society. I hardly know in what manner to take it up. "The founders and benefactors of the New-York Historical Society." Were I to descant upon one or two of them, it would take all night. However, with great deference to the Society here this evening, I will make a few passing remarks upon some individuals. No man who lives in New-York—no man who has resided in this City within the last twenty, forty, or fifty years—who has heard of the Historical Society, can for one moment doubt that JOHN PINTARD was its founder. (Cheers.) JOHN PINTARD was a native of the City of New-York. He was educated at Princeton, with JAMES MADISON. He had some knowledge of the law, with a taste for mercantile transactions. These proved disastrous to him, and he became editor of the old *Daily Advertiser* for several years. He was a rigid Washingtonian in his politics. He then again resumed the business of merchandise in New-Orleans. He again became subject to disasters, and came to the City of New-York in 1803, and then contemplated the Historical Society. JOHN PINTARD was a man of most extensive historical and geographical, and above all, dulectic information. I hardly speak within the charge of exaggeration when I affirm that he knew nearly all of Dr. JOHNSON'S writings by heart. You could hardly approach JOHN PINTARD without having something of Dr. JOHNSON'S thrust down you. (Laughter and cheers.)

In 1804 JOHN PINTARD called together some of his New-York friends at the head of which he placed RUFUS KING. A few weeks after, SAMUEL MILLER, and HENRY ELDERKIN. This was the commencement of the Historical Society. Seven persons attending a meeting three quarters of an hour after the time appointed was then regarded as constituting a good meeting.

The venerable gentleman then went on to give a graphic account of the early formation of the Historical library,—contending that one book published now was worth a dozen of the early publications of the Society. He spoke warmly of the importance of obtaining a more suitable set for the Society's meeting and recommended that means be taken to secure a large appropriation from the State Government for that purpose. He concluded amidst general applause.

To the following toasts no responses were made:

The President of the United States.

*The Governor of the State of New-York.*

*The Mayor and Municipal Government of the City of New-York*—in the faithful discharge of their high office, they are the guardians of its History, as well as of its character and its welfare.

The next toast was:

*The Army and Navy of the United States*—Each, in its turn, has contributed to the History of our country, some of its brightest pages.

Gen. STANTON, of Tennessee, in responding said, he could not have anticipated that the President would have been under the necessity, of calling upon him to respond to the toast of the Army of the United States, more especially as a junior officer of the military of this State was present. He supposed it would be inappropriate in him to comment on the fact of his connection with the Army, that he was entitled fitly to represent and respond to the sentiment just proposed. The fame of the American Army was more to not than to speak. He might, on this occasion, however, say that it is no body more than to such occasions to state that the army were in character, without the pen of the historian, where would be the fame of American soldiery; it was history which consecrated national valor, and in perpetuating its deeds, did history fulfill its highest functions, and in that way only was our military heroism to be rendered permanent *era*. In conclusion, he would propose "American Historians and the American Army."

Commodore MCKEEVER, responded for the Navy. He said: I do not see why I should be called upon to respond to this toast except it is out of honor to the branch, to which I belong. I, therefore, beg leave, as I do sincerely, to tender my sincere thanks on behalf of the Navy for the manner in which it has been referred. I may say, however, that if it does not not better when it is called upon to act, then he who is now called upon to speak for it at this time, it is in a pitiable condition. (Laughter and cheers.)

The toast.

*The Commanding General of the Army of the United States*—Whose orders before the battle, have proved to be a true history of the fight.

Was not responded to on account of the absence of General SCOTT. A letter from the General was read.

The PRESIDENT announced the following:

*The Orator of the Day*—In writing the history of his country, he has perpetuated his own.

Hon. GEORGE BANCROFT, in response to the toast, said:

Having occupied so much of your time to-day, I have no right to hold your attention in responding to the cordial manner in which you have received the allusion to me.

The traveler who leaves New-York sees no day so happy as the day of his return. (Applause.) I have great reason to be grateful that I selected New-York for my home, for where is the hand of friendship that is extended more cordially? Where in the United States can we find so much to quicken and excite honest action; where more abundance than here? Where is the spirit of universal education and of universality more marked than in this City, connected with all parts of the world, and which is as it were the vapor, centralizing of civilization of all time? It is not only in the highest friendship and the high excitement that I find myself living here, but also in the midst of every enjoyment. Where is Nature more beautiful than on the banks of the Hudson, the Genesee and Niagara. Then too, if we turn to our history, what more interesting than the history of New-York. It is as it were, the very central point of modern colonization, of modern history and modern advancement in liberty. If you look to the deeds that have adorned our own and in the Revolutionary War, what State contributed more men or more to the service, or more largely to its subsistence. Of all the States, none was more exposed in its frontier to the barbarians than this. In that great struggle for the liberties of mankind, New-York stood firmest, both in its services and its crowning victory at Saratoga. But it is not simply in contributing to the great events of the time of our Union, New-York has obtained high place in the history of the human race; it is more emphatically with regard to our Union. The idea of Union came here with the first emigrants from Holland. (Applause.) The idea of Union was the first impulse of the leaders of those who had a national design for independence, and when once the connection with the mother country was dissolved, the Confederacy commenced only for the first Republic which had been established in the land of its birth. (Applause.) Here, upon the soil of New-York, was the first Congress, in 1765. It was here, Sir, in the City of New-York, that FRANKLIN, the great advocate of Union, was received with applause, on his return from England, where he had been to report that the first stage in search of the Union was passed. Here, too, was the home of the Iroquois, of whom Dr. FRANCIS has spoken—it would seem but natural that the great idea of Union should first be proclaimed upon it; for the Iroquois set the example, and so it went on until we came to celebrate the Union.

Here was the first organization of the Federal Government. The great WASHINGTON, who stands highest, not only in the affections of his country, but who stands throughout the world as the representative of all that is dearest and most disinterested, and most true and sincere, here it was that WASHINGTON inaugurated our Republic, and planted her institutions on the most immovable basis, at the time when Europe was rocked with the convulsions of revolution, and France was just entering upon that sphere of change which has not yet terminated. Detaining you no longer, I ask you, in an old fashioned way, not that our prosperity shall be established upon rocks, for I have learned that rocks have but a very modern origin, but

*Our Union*—May it last as long as the Empire of Love and Reason.

SPEECH OF HON. ROBERT C. WINTHROP.

Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, of Massachusetts, in rising to respond to the ninth toast—

*Our Sister Societies*—Co-laborers with us in the cause of historical truth; we welcome them cordially on this occasion—

was received with rapturous applause and cheering, which was protracted for several minutes. He said: I need not assure you, Mr. President, that I am deeply sensible of this kind notice, and of this cordial recognition. Sir, it is with real pleasure that I have found myself able, somewhat unexpectedly, at the last moment, to be present with you on this occasion to participate in these anniversary festivities as one of your invited guests, and more especially Sir, to listen to the comprehensive and powerful discourse of one, of whom, you will remember, Massachusetts claimed an equal share with New-York in his fame, (applause,) and who has just furnished no brilliant a title to be recognized afresh as the historian of the whole country. (Renewed applause.) I feel myself more highly honored, too, in having been commissioned as one of the Delegates of the Historical Society of Massachusetts to bear to you her birth-day greetings and congratulations—your elder sister, by a few years, as you well know she is, and by right of seniority, at least, the head of the whole family of American Historical Societies. (Applause.) Be assured, however, Sir, that she rejoices in every evidence of your superior advantages and greater resources, and I should do great injustice to those who sent me here, as well as to those by whom I am accompanied, if I were not to assure you of the sincere and earnest interest which we all take in the signal manifestations of your prosperity and progress which this occasion has afforded. (Applause.) Sir, if I may be pardoned for borrowing an expressive Orientalism, and for playing upon it for an instant, after I have been translated, I came to wish that your sun and moon might flourish like the palm tree of the Psalmist, and that it might never fail to supply to all who repose beneath its shadow, an abundant store of dates. (Cheers and laughter.) For however much we may sentimentalize about a certain Historical muse, I will venture to say that my friend near me who has invoked her indulgently so successfully, will bear witness with me that she by no means feeds on air; that, on the contrary, she has a most voracious appetite for the precise variety of food, and that she cannot live without it—(renewed applause)—no matter how heavy and hard and husky and coarse of fact these dates are often considered. And, Mr. President, the Historical Societies of the several States of this Union are certainly bound together by a common labor of love and loyalty, in the gathering up of materials for the history of our beloved country, but each one of them, Sir, has a peculiar province of interest and of effort in illustrating the history of its own State; and, Sir, how worthy, and how wide a field is thus opened to the labors of your own association in the State of New-York, the truly imperial State of New-York—a nation in itself—with a population already equal to that of the whole Union in the days of our revolutionary struggle; great in territorial extent, surpassingly rich in every variety of moral and material resources, unrivalled in the collateral advantages, and in the natural improvements of those advantages, and greater, perhaps than all, in its commercial emporium, by every token and by all accounts entitled to the crown as the queen of this Western Hemisphere. (Loud cheers.) What State is there in the Union which contains so many elements of greatness and of grandeur? What State is there anywhere beneath the sun which seems to have been so marked and ordained by nature as the abode of energetic and the seat of empire? Why, Sir, as my friend, Mr. BANCROFT, has just suggested, if a traveler from abroad came here desiring to see the location or the characteristics of America's empire, where could he betake himself but to the overlooking banks of your own Hudson, or to the exquisite lake of your own, Lake George, or up the romantic ravines of your own Trenton, or over the lofty peaks of your own Catskills, or upon the sublime and mysterious brink of your own Niagara? (Vehement applause and cheering.) And if the answer, Sir, in search of the resources of health, where can he find them so abundant or so invigorating as in your own Saratoga or your own Sharon? Well, Sir, if he is eager to behold the Great Commerce of this new world—those massive links of intercommunication which have married the lakes to the ocean, although mountains and hills had seemed to stand ready to forbid the union—do these hardly issue signal triumphs of that skillful art which has pushed aforetime rivers through the land—where, Sir, can he find them on a scale so gigantic as in your Railroads or in your Canals? (Loud applause.) And, Sir, if he is anxious to witness the progress which refinement and civilization, and wealth, and luxury, and science, and literature, and architecture, have made among us, where can he find an easier or a nobler display of them than in the colleges and drawing rooms, in the libraries, in the shops and warehouses, in the stately edifices, and along the splendid avenues of this magnificent metropolis? Nor, Mr. President, I cannot forget on this occasion, in New-York, that the noblest monument of the good and the great, of the benefactors of mankind, of the patriots and the statesmen which have illustrated our country, and which gave the first cry to that cause which Almighty wisdom would be in the end triumphantly vindicated and gained? Or who can have forgotten that it was upon your own soil in this very City that the Constitution of the United States was originally organized, and that the very air you daily breathe has vibrated to the voice of WASHINGTON, requesting the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, administered from the lips of your own Chancellor LIVINGSTON? (Cheers.) No wonder, Mr. President, that your Society is so earnestly and intensely engaged in illustrating the history of your native State, when you have a history so noble and so varied to illustrate. But, Mr. President, I must draw these remarks to a conclusion—and I trust I am not trespassing too long. (Cries of "No, no," "Go on.") Let me but draw these remarks to a close without a word more serious,—without saying that we ought none of us to be forgetful that other on there is another work going on in this day and generation besides that of writing the history of our fathers, and that is, the making of our own history. We cannot live upon the glories of the past. Historic memories, however precious, or however inspiring, will not sustain our institutions or preserve our liberties. There is another history to be written to which every State, and every citizen of every State, or this hour and at every hour, is contributing materially. And the fair literature in which the Societies of our several States are engaged, which of us may foretell the most brilliant record of the past, should not be permitted to render us regardless of that yet nobler strife in which we become so all even more ardently and more assiduously to engage. Sir, I know not a nobler spectacle which the history of the world could furnish than that of the multiplied States of this mighty Union contending with each other in a friendly and fraternal competition which should add the brightest page to the history of the Union, which should do the most signal acts of patriotism and philanthropy, which should furnish the noblest picture of well-regulated liberty—which should furnish the most complete illustration of the successful issue of that great republican experiment of which our sires have been providentially selected as the stage. Aye, Sir, if these one and thirty proud Commonwealths, which are now ranged side by side, beneath a common banner, from ocean to ocean—if they should be now engaged in such a combination as this, if instead of striving or struggling to elevate counteractable political principles, or to gratify personal and selfish ambitions, instead of being seen encouraging and fomenting sectional jealousy and mutual hate, by striving to aggrandize themselves at each other's injury, they could be seen laboring side by side to improve each his own condition and whatever, and outgrow each the other in advance, to abolish each one its own wrongs and to spread forth the best fruits of which civilization, Christianity, and freedom were capable, what a history would there not be to be written hereafter; and who would not envy the writer whose privilege it should be to set forth such a record as that? (Applause.) Mr. President, Sir, he would surely catch something of the inspiration of the Poets of old. "His heart would be inflaming a good matter, his tongue would be the pen of the ready writer." No cold or swerving skeptic could be entrusted with such a record as that. Your GIBBON could not write the story of such a race. He might be trusted well with the decline and fall of empires, but a theme like that would be of a power to inspire new faith back in him who wrote it, and in all who could read it; faith in the capacity of man for self-government, faith in human progress, and in the Divine Providence that guides it, faith in the ultimate of that Gospel of Christ, which, after all, is the only sure and faithful instrument either of social or of political improvement. But, Mr. President, let us not forget that our history is to be written, and that when written, it is to exert an influence upon the world, either for good or for evil—such as no other and antecedent history has ever yet exerted, and that from our actions now one day or other is to be made up the ruling chart of freedom to point out the safe channel, or, it may be, the fatal reef, to all other nations which shall embark in the same great voyage of liberty. (Applause.) God grant, Sir, that upon no corner or margin of that chart, when it shall have been made up, shall our feet be found the sad record have upon this sunken rock, or have upon those open breakers, or there on some fatal ring by the assertion of some severity error. (Great applause.) or by the recklessness of some rash statesman, our New Ship struck, smashed and went to pieces. The eloquent speaker then referred in complimentary terms to General SCOTT, who added the last State to the Union, and to whom, when the medal was bestowed by Congress on some acknowledgment of his services, the words of the English poet might be applied:

"In living memory was never one offered,
And unexplored treasure sunk the shining gold."

He concluded by a comparison between the political condition of this Renowned Country at the time of the organization of the New York Historical Society, and its present condition; he advocated the necessity of individual exertion and donations and concluded by [illegible] the sentiment that "every man in the great cities should be a historian, if he would strive at home, or in West Africa, and, in conclusion, [illegible] the following sentiment—

The State of New-York—Upon her soil the first proposition of Union was made; upon her soil the first decisive triumph of Liberty was won; upon her soil the Constitution of the United States was first made manifest; our history proves that her soil has ever been the home of Liberty, Union, Liberty, and the Constitution.

Mr. WHITTEMORE presented his neat and unpretending sentiment.

Mr. CARWALLADER, of Philadelphia, responded for the Pennsylvania Society. In the course of his remarks he took occasion to defend the character of WILLIAM PENN. He uttered no a sentiment.

*The Ancient Dominion*—The companions of the sires who are here represented to-night.

Prof. ST. GEORGE TUCKER, representing the Historical Society of Virginia, spoke briefly.

To the next toast—

*An establishment and Independent Judiciary*—The strongest bulwark of Liberty and Order.

Judge CAMPBELL said it was the duty of a young and better man (George HAYMAN) to respond, and would yet hesitate to say a word to the public, on such an occasion as this. He surveyed in the long array of legal names which marked the year 1804, when this Society was established.

II. A well-conducted Press—The efficient agent of civilization.

In response to this toast, WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT, Esq., arose and said:

I rise, gentlemen, to make my acknowledgments for the very kind manner in which you have received this toast. Between the great and glorious institution of which I am purposed to speak, and the Society whose Fifteenth Anniversary of which we have met to-day, there is a strong consanguinity. The Genius of Time is remarkable for the intimate connection made within it towards the material and intellectual advancement of mankind. I not of those who remember the admirable discourse to your body, pronounced by your eminent citizen and fellow member, DEWITT CLINTON, whose early efforts in behalf of those of Governeur MORRIS, your Chancellor, Your LIVINGSTON, your SAMPSON, and others, for opening upon a grand scale the resources of your State, formed by its noble navigable lakes and rivers, to be the home of the manufactory, the dwelling of American prosperity and power. It would, perhaps, be a point in our public history by its early commencement, including many of the very earliest years of the Constitution, and the adoption of the Federal Constitution. I am of those also who remember the general joy felt upon the success of FULTON achieved in first propelling a steamboat, *de facto*, before the world, by immortal the Hudson to Albany by steam, in defiance of wind and tide. He did this certainly in New-York municipal, and if I do not mistake, encouraged and assisted by individuals of your public spirited and wealthy. Nor must I forget that speech and inspiring address to provocation, when the Governor of your State poured water into the Atlantic through from the Lakes, in your first Erie Canal-boat, to commemorate, by a symbolic of appropriate grandeur, the completion of that great work of art, that in extent and magnificence of its design was the greatest then known to any part of the United States. And well did it merit or provoke a congratulation, could the shades of Washington and Greene, the rear of artillery, and all other demonstrations of public rejoicing, be never did the intermingling of [illegible] more [illegible] to [illegible] than [illegible] men.

To have been invited to the coming semi-centennial festival of a Society whose annals are redolent of many names, past and present, known to fame and of renown, and which has put in motion and helped to gain in motion deeds of public utility and magnitude, a honor of which I am greatly sensible. It is, indeed, a thing for me to feel, I am compelled to add, with considerable regret, that obstacles I am unable to overcome bar from me the gratification of being personally present on an occasion so full of interest.

With my thanks for the invitation, I pray you, gentlemen, to believe in the high consideration and respect with which I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

RICHARD RUSH.

*Letter from Gov. Graham.*

HILLSBOROUGH, N. C., Nov. 13, 1854.

GENTLEMEN: I regret that my engagements will deprive me the pleasure of attending the ceremonies of the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the New-York Historical Society, on the 20th inst., agreeably to your polite invitation.

Considering the situation of your Society, its long existence in the first half century of its existence, and, may I add, the character of the men who composed its personnel advantages for exploring and elucidating the subjects of History, Geography, Antiquity, [illegible] similar institutions in America. Like the [illegible] the great City in which it holds its seat, it is central, from the national position of the Union, and the [illegible] it enjoys for literary and scientific [illegible] tion, it should the range of its [illegible] beyond the more memorable of land history of the State of New-York, showing on that field in Aboriginal traditions; the legends of the French, Colonists; the [illegible] and [illegible] Britain; the Indian, the Anti-Revolutionary, Revolutionary and Post-Revolutionary Wars, which have darkened so many of the brightest chapters of the annals of the Union; and the [illegible] of the fifth-rate town of the Confederacy, [illegible] of Independence, as an emblem of those [illegible] men, filled every home with the [illegible] of a high civilization. When, and how, [illegible] the [illegible] topics which it embraces, the [illegible]

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# HUMAN PROGRESS.

## The Necessity, Reality, and Promise of the Progress of the Race.

### Mr. Bancroft's Address at the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the New-York Historical Society.

Brethren, Guests, and Friends of the New-York Historical Society: We are assembled to celebrate the completion of a half century unequalled in its discoveries and its deeds. Man is but the creature of yesterday, and fifty years form a great length in the chain of his entire existence. Other topics attract the inquirer who would go back to remotest antiquity. The student of the chronology of the earth may sit on the bluffs that overhang the Mississippi, and muse on the myriads of years during which the powers of nature have been depositing the materials of its data. He may there, by the aid of induction, draw still nearer to the beginnings of time, as he meditates on the succession of ages that contrived to construct the cliffs which raise their trestlework over the stream; or to bury in compact layers, the fern-like forests, that have stored the bosom of the great valley with coal; or to crystallize the ancient limestone into marble; or, at a still earlier epoch, to congeal liquid masses of the globe into masses of granite. But the records of these transactions gain their chief interest from their illustrating the changes through which our planet was fashioned into a residence for man. Science may roam into the abysses of the past, when the earth moved silently in its orbit without observers, but as it may reach those far-off regions of nebulous masses of light, whose distance so numbers that the human faculties may grasp, can intelligibly express. But as the sublime dwells not in space, so it dwells not in duration. To find it we must contemplate the higher subject of man. It is but a few centuries since he was called into existence, and yet the study of his nature and his destiny surpasses all else that can engage his thoughts. At the end of a period which has given new proof that unceasing movement is the condition of all finite existence, we are called upon to observe the general character of the changes in his state. Our minds irresistibly turn to consider the laws that govern his progress, and the prospects of his being; we are led to inquire, whether his faculties and his relations to the universe compel him to a steady course of improvement, whether in the aggregate he has constantly made advance; and what hopes we may cherish respecting his future. The occasion invites us to speak to you of the necessity, the reality, and the promise of the progress of the race.

Since everything that is limited is in perpetual change, the condition of our race is one of growth or of decay. It is the glory of man that he is consistent at this law of his existence. He alone is gifted with reason which looks upward as well as before and after, and connects him with the world that is not discovered by the senses. He alone has the faculty so to combine thought with affection, that he can lift up his heart and feel not for himself only, but for his brethren and his kind. Every soul is in substance equal to his fellow man. His nature is changed neither by time nor by country. He bears no marks of having risen to his present degree of perfection by successive transmutations from inferior forms; but by the peculiarity and superiority of his powers, he shows himself to have been created separate and distinct from all other classes of animal life. He is neither degenerating into such differences as could in the end no longer be classified together, nor rising into a higher species. Each member of the race is in will, affection and intellect consubstantial with every other. No penal, no social or degrading affection, no generous or selfish impulse has ever appeared, of which the germ does not reside in every breast. No science has been invented, no thought generated, no truth discovered, which has not from all time existed potentially in every human mind. The belief in the progress of the race does not therefore spring from the improved sociability of life requiring new faculties or coming into the possession of a new nature.

Still time does truth change. They speak falsely whoever that think in the daughter of time: it is the child of eternity, and as old as the Divine mind. The perception of it takes place in the order of time; truth itself knows nothing of the succession of ages.

Neither does morality need to perfect itself; it is what it always has been, and always will be. Its distinctions are older than the sun or the dry land; than the earth or the sun. The relation of good to evil is from the beginning, and is unalterable.

The progress of man consists in this: that he himself arrives at the perception of truth. The Divine mind, which is its source, left it to be discovered, developed, and appropriated by finite capacities.

The life of an individual is but a breath; it comes forth like a flower, and fees like a shadow. Were another progress, therefore, possible than that of the individual, our age would have little advantage over another. But as every man partakes of the same faculties, and is consubstantial with all, it follows that the race also has an existence of its own; and the oftener it becomes richer, more varied, more self complete, as time advances. Common sense implies by its very name that each individual is to contribute some share towards the general intelligence. The many are wiser than the few; the multitude than the philosopher; the age than the individual; and each successive age than its predecessor.

The social condition of a century, its faith and its institutions, are always analogous to its scientific attainments. Neither philosophy, nor government, nor political institutions, nor religious knowledge, can remain much behind, or go much in advance, of the century of contemporary intelligence. The age furnishes to the master workmen the materials with which he builds. The outbreak of a revolution is but the pulsation of the age, heralded or spontaneous, according to its harmony with the sum of human knowledge at the time. Hence, new philosophical systems are the heliograph of the passing condition of public thought. The state in which we are is man's natural state at this moment; but it neither should be nor can be the permanent state, for social existence is flowing on in eternal motion, with nothing fixed but the necessity of change. Now, by the necessity of the case, the movement of the human mind, taken collectively, is always towards something better. Every crisis in each individual, alongside of his own personality, the ideal man who represents the race. He bears about within himself the consciousness, that his life is a struggle; and at every moment he finds the antagonism between his own finite nature and the better life of which he conceives. He cannot note a proposition respecting [illegible] but it includes also a reference to the future. He cannot form a judgment but it contains a comparison between the past and the present, and, as a consequence, a prophecy of the future. And in this conflict between the ideal and the actual, he may find, if he will, the evidence of future perfection.

[illegible] for the side of the actual state of the world, for the ideal state, there exists the conviction, that the world is not what it should come. Nothing satisfies the soul of man but the ideal. Of all political institutions, not religious knowledge, can remain stationary behind, or go much in advance, of the century of contemporary intelligence. The age furnishes to the master workmen the materials with which he builds. The outbreak of a revolution is but the pulsation of the age, heralded or spontaneous, according to its harmony with the sum of human knowledge at the time. Hence, new philosophical systems are the heliograph of the passing condition of public thought. The state in which we are is man's natural state at this moment; but it neither should nor can be the permanent state, for social existence is flowing on in eternal motion, with nothing fixed but the necessity of change. Now, by the necessity of the case, the movement of the human mind, taken collectively, is always towards something better. Every crisis in each individual, alongside of his own personality, the ideal man who represents the race. He bears about within himself the consciousness, that his life is a struggle; and at every moment he finds the antagonism between his own finite nature and the better life of which he conceives. He cannot note a proposition respecting [illegible] but it includes also a reference to the future. He cannot form a judgment but it contains a comparison between the past and the present, and, as a consequence, a prophecy of the future. And in this conflict between the ideal and the actual, he may find, if he will, the evidence of future perfection. For

## OHIO CENTRAL RAILROAD.

**Opening Excursion—Scenery, Speeches, &c.—Cincinnati Fire Department.**

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

BURNET HOUSE, CINCINNATI, Thursday, Nov. 16, 1854.

On Tuesday last, while passing over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, my attention was called to the ruins of old Fort Frederick. Although within a few hours of the seaboard, this Fort—erected for the protection of the whites from the murderous enmity of the red man—marked the extreme verge of civilization on this continent. All the region west of it was the domain of the wild beast and the Indian, upon which the pale-face rarely, if ever, then dared to trespass. Since I saw this ruined landmark, I have been whirled along a distance of nearly five hundred miles towards the setting sun, to find myself to-night only just on the threshold of the teeming West, while in this Queen City alone a population exists equal in numbers, doubtless, to the entire Aboriginal population of the country we have traversed, at the time when Fort Frederick was established. How startling an exemplification is this, of the wonderful changes brought about by the magic influence of American energy, enterprise, and progress.

I dated my last to you at Wheeling, Va., where quite a number of the railroad excursionists, including your correspondent, were "taken in and done for" at the McClure House. On Wednesday morning, after breakfast, we were treated by our host with an exhibition of something of the spirit which has marked the city of Wheeling in many of her dealings with the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. You know Wheeling has always insisted than if the railroad crossed the soil of Virginia, to get to the Ohio river, it should bring its passengers up to town to get the breakfasts or dinners and pay for them. Our host of the McClure improved upon this, and insisted on making his guests all pay for a supper which they did not eat, for the reason that it was nearly 1 o'clock in the morning when they reached the hotel; and also because they had been most beautifully provided in that respect at a much more seasonable hour, through the generous hospitality of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. Many paid up with an inward curse, and some mortification at their lack of courage to resist the imposition; others took the liberty of remonstrating, and were offered the alternative of leaving their entire bills unpaid. The apology offered was, that they had got the supper ready, and it must be paid for. I mention the incident, in the hope that its publication will check the disposition to such extortions.

Leaving the McClure, with its tallow candles, comfortless dormitories, and enterprising host, we took the cars of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, again, for Benwood, four miles below Wheeling, where it is proposed to establish the ferry connecting the former road with the Central Ohio. Here the guests were taken in charge by J. H. SULLIVAN, Esq., President of the Central; Mayor ENGLISH, of Columbus; B. BLAKE, Esq., of the City Council of Zanesville, and other members of a Committee of Reception. I believe I omitted to state that we were accompanied from Baltimore by VOLANDT'S BAND, which still remains with us, discoursing its eloquent music on every fitting occasion.

Reaching Benwood we crossed to Bellesire, the Eastern terminus of the Central Ohio road. The Railroad Company here have laid out quite a town on a beautiful level situation on the bank of the river, just above the old town of Bellesire. Here the Company are erecting extensive depôts and other buildings—the nucleus themselves already of a thrifty settlement. The Ohio Central Railroad is 137 miles in length, running from Bellaire to Columbus. Its first cost, I learn, was just about $37,000 per mile, notwithstanding it runs through a section where deep cuts and successive bridges are very numerous. The gauge is the general Ohio gauge, 4 feet 10, but the cars are wider, and seats more spacious than is common to narrow gauge roads. All the equipment and appointments of the road seem to be of the best character, and the character of its construction was most favorably exhibited in the perfect ease with which the cars rolled over it, even at a very high rate of speed.

We arrived at Zanesville in four hours, having been greeted at the various towns and villages along the line in the most cordial manner by the entire population, who, with their wives and daughters, turned out to witness the celebration of the consummation of the long looked for union of their inland farms and factories with the Ohio River. At Zanesville we were accosted by the military in the Odd Fellows' Hall, where an admirable collation was duly discussed, washed down with the "sparkling Catawba" of Ohio, and seasoned with a few brief speeches, by the President of the Road, Z. COLLINS LEE, of Baltimore, and others. Returning to the cars at 4 P. M., we started for and reached Columbus in about two hours. The country the Central Ohio Road traverses is very wild and rugged, though not mountainous. With all that has been said of the soil of Ohio, those of us who had seen but little of the West, could not avoid a pleasurable surprise at sight of the deep, rich alluvial of the valleys, wherever the naked bank of a stream exposed its depth to view. The scenery, though not of that grandly sublime character which belongs to the mountains of Virginia, is still in many places picturesque and beautiful. While the ragged grandeur of mountain scenery stirs up the heart, and rouses the bolder energies of the beholder, inspiring him with a sort of longing to grapple with and overcome the difficulties of life, the quiet beauties of the landscapes on the Scioto and the Miami soften and subdue us, breathing upon us the breath of peace, and whispering of homes and happy hearths, and gentle companions, and all the quiet joys of domestic life. How prodigal is nature of her gifts to man.—and how varied and grateful the entertainments she sets before us.

Last evening the guests were invited to a dinner *by the City Council of Columbus, which was* served up in princely style at the Neal House. The dinner over, several hours were spent in listening to speeches by various gentlemen. The President of the evening, Mr. W. B. HUBBARD, welcomed the guests, remarked at some length upon the nature of the difficulties which had so delayed the completion of the lines of railroad connecting Central Ohio with the seaboard at Baltimore, and spoke exultingly of the future of the road itself and the country which is relied upon to sustain it. The investment in this enterprise he said was a favorable one, and while Banks were breaking all around them, it was a satisfaction to know that in their railroad bank of earth and iron there was no danger. The more it was "run" upon, or over, the less likely would it be to break.

Mr. SWARN, of Baltimore, in response to some complimentary allusions to himself, after speaking of the importance of the event now celebrating, and of the struggles the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad had made to reach the Ohio River, proceeded with some remarks upon Railroad management, arguing in favor of an arrangement between the competing lines by which their tolls should be kept above the influence of unhealthy competition. In this connection he suggested that the Ohio Central and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroads were now in a position to establish a system whose influence will be felt on every Railroad in the country.

President SULLIVAN being called up, paid a handsome tribute to the intelligent liberality of the Baltimore houses of Messrs. GARRETT & SONS, who by advancing all the revenue of great importance still due, during the last year relieved the road from serious embarrassment, enabling the Directors to go on and complete the work which, otherwise for them, would still be impassable. Speech followed speech, and the scene of festivity did not break up until after midnight.

To-day, by the courtesy of the Little Miami and Columbus and Xenia Railroad Company, we came from Columbus to this place, making the distance—120 miles—in four hours. On this road, as indeed over cases we left Baltimore, the precision and regularity of the running of the trains is frequent subject of remark. To-night we have had another magnificent entertainment, at the famed Burnett House, as the guests of the City Councils of Cincinnati; and to-morrow, all who choose to accept the invitation, proceed to Indianapolis, whence they will return via Dayton and Columbus. Of the BURNETT I could say nothing new, even if I had the room to say it in. CINCINNATI is the host, and in that announcement is an epitome of all that can be said to describe comfort and good cheer. This immense house is crowded "from pit to dome;" yet all its intricate machinery moved on with the easy regularity of a faithful time-piece. There is a Grand Council of Know-Nothings assembled here at this time, which adds considerably to the number of strangers here. Among the delegates I notice six from Washington City alone.

I must close with a brief notice of one of the Cincinnati steam fire engines. The machine was brought out for our inspection immediately after dinner. It is on heavy wheels, and easily drawn by horses to the required location. In eight minutes from the time of lighting its fire, the engine threw two large streams of water through some hundred feet of hose, and upon the roof of a five-story warehouse. Upon an emergency, I understand it may be made to throw six streams at once. Two streams poured out a perfect deluge of water, however, sufficient, I should think, to drown the worst possible riot extended over an unusual surface. The cost of this machine is about $10,000. Your Council Committee, I believe, thought it a very admirable affair, competent to save New-York a million of dollars per annum, but, unfortunately, it can't vote. If Cincinnati escapes the ravages of fire this month as well as she has during the five last past, the three steam engines and her *paid Fire Department* will have saved her nearly half a million dollars during the half-year. Cannot New-York learn a lesson from this example, and profit by it? S.

## THE KNOW-NOTHINGS.

**Letter from John M. Botts in Reply to an Invitation to a Dinner at Newark.**

GENTLEMEN: I did not receive your letter inviting me to attend the celebration of your late decisive triumph in the State of New-Jersey, on Thursday evening next, until this afternoon, when but little time was allowed for preparation to leave home, or to make a suitable response to the kindness which dictated the proffered hindrance.

I am certain that no assurance can be necessary to satisfy you of the hearty and sincere gratification I should derive, at any time, in associating freely with such friends as I have had the good fortune to make in your State, and especially in your city; and you must know how much it would have been increased when connected with the occasion that will bring you together. I am not a stranger to the immense influence of monopolists and capitalists that has been brought to bear against you, and more particularly in your own district; and yet against all such influence, which have heretofore weighed like an incubus upon your exertions, your triumph has been complete and overwhelming. Most earnestly and cordially do I rejoice in your success, and participate in your exaltation, and deeply do I deplore the unavoidable circumstances that forbid the possibility of my being present with you to exchange congratulations with those who have contributed so largely to this general and soul-inspiring result. But the ripest dictates of my judgment, the best feelings of my nature, and the warmest impulses of my heart, all combine to assure that devoted patriotism and the best interests of the country have prevailed over the selfishness of party in whose hearts the peace, and honor, and tranquillity of the nation has no place, when they come in conflict with the spoils of office and the ascendancy of power. Whilst then, I cannot be with you in person, be pleased to imagine that my spirit will be in your midst.

But this great triumph over a corrupt and disgraced Administration is not confined to your State; it is universal throughout the land. It is everywhere that obligations to compact, pledges to principles, regard for harmony, devotion to the Union, and love of honor prevail. If there was any one thing above all others claimed by the Democratic party in the election of Mr. PIERCE, and if there was any one thing that reconciled the Whigs to their most disastrous defeat, it was the declaration from every tongue—from every repeated assurance from every public journal that the peace of the country was secured, sectional animosities buried, and the agitation of the Slavery question finally and forever settled. And yet in less than twelve months after his inauguration, and in the early part of the first Congress of his Administration, he imperatively required every man of his party, under the pain of excommunication, and the penalty of not partaking of the flesh-pots, (which to them was the severest punishment that could be inflicted,) to aid in the passage of a measure that has thrown wide open the floodgates of agitation, and more seriously disturbed the tranquillity and harmony of the people than any and all other questions combined since the formation of the Government.

He was a short sighted man that did not foresee the result. I feel proud in the consciousness of having done all in my power to avert this great evil, this enormous calamity, this unmixed mischief, even at the sacrifice of all my ambitious pretensions; and yet, if I had not looked upon it as far above and beyond all party considerations, I should have hailed its passage with triumph, as a most decisive death-blow to a party whose ascendancy has been productive of nothing but mischief, and which nothing but the unexampled resources of the country and the indomitable energies of our people have been able to overcome.

But, gentlemen, it is due to candor that I should say there is one thing in which I do not sympathize with you, and that is, in what some seem to suppose the North has lost by the repeal of the Missouri Compromise. Upon this point my sympathies are entirely with the South, for they have lost all, and you have gained all; they have surrendered a practical good for an abstract declaration of a right which it is impossible to execute. For the mere declaration of a right—which is not secured by law—to carry slavery into territory north of 36° 30', they have invited you, with your large surplus resident population, together with an influx of *half a million annually from foreign shores, to* settle all the territory secured to them south of that line—for we in the South have no population to spare for any such purpose. We want some 3,000,000 men in Virginia to settle our own unoccupied territory, and we can send none away without depopulating our own State, depreciating the value of our own property, and diminishing our weight and influence in the General Government. And if this is true as to Virginia, it is equally so in regard to all the other Southern States. And why is it impracticable and impossible to carry Slavery into Kansas? Because, as everybody knows, Slavery is a local institution, requiring local laws for its protection; and if a Southern man carries his slaves into the territory, and requires his services, or claims the right to punish him for disobedience, he must do it under the authority of law. Now there can be but two sources from which such authority can emanate. One is the General Government, and the other is the Territorial Government. The South itself has declared that the General Government can pass no such law, because that would be intervention with the rights of the people of the territory; and in the same breath they have said the territory can legislate upon no such object, because that would be "squatter sovereignty." There are some few, I know, who rely upon the Constitution for the protection, (which was one of CALHOUN'S fallacies,) but I think when they look for it in the Constitution they will hardly find it, and if they do, they will find that the same clause in the Constitution which protects that species of property in the Territories, will also protect it in the States, as I am not aware that the Constitution has a less binding force in the States than in the Territories.

Since then, the South with 6,000,000 of population, having no legislative power in the Government, have said to 3,000,000 having the whole power in their own hands, that they will not compromise this question, and have formed upon it the exclusive of controlling it paramount, and surrendering the power to the minority of Congress, which in the present sympathizing with you? for I should not feel that I had undertaken a difficult task, if I were to take upon myself to show that the Democracy of the South, aided by a few inconsiderate and misguided Whigs, had done more in the last six months to promote the cause of Free-Soilism than all the Free-Soilers combined could have done in the next twenty years. Where, then, is the ground for sympathizing with the North? It is in the violation of a solemn compact, entered into and maintained by our forefathers for thirty years; it is in the forfeiture of pledges given and extorted between members of the two parties, and of the two sections of the country in 1852; it is in the claim, and the attempt to do what they stood pledged not to claim and not to do. In all this, my reason, my judgment, my sense of right, are all with you; but when I come to look to the loss and gain, my sympathies are with the losers, and they are not of you, nor with you. But the question is, what will restore the harmony and confidence of the two sections of the country? That, indeed, is a great question, to which every good man and patriot should turn his attention. It is one not to be lightly thought of nor hastily adopted.

I think it quite manifest that there is about to be a total revolution in the political affairs of this country; and for my own part, I am satisfied that no change is likely to be for the worse. And if the organization of the Whig party is to be broken up, it leaves no alternative for us but to choose between the two other parties. The Know-Nothings on the one hand and the Good-for-Nothings on the other, and having fought against the Good-for-Nothings for twenty odd years, (ever since the Whig and Democratic parties were formed,) I am strongly inclined now to fight on the side of the Know-Nothings—a name, by the way, that I think they are no more entitled to than the party now in power are to the name of Democracy, for so far from their knowing nothing, I think they know a great deal more than any other party in the country. They know how to do what they undertake to do, and generally do it up pretty brown. They don't stop like that fellow Macbeth, to soliloquize and reason thus:

"If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well
It were done quickly,"—

but they go to work pell mell, and do it in the time he was talking about it; and that is the way I have always liked to see good things done.

Now in the language of the day, "I don't know nothing at all about them," but *this I do know*, that if my house is infested with rats, mice, cockroaches, bed-bugs, ants, mosquitoes, and other plagues, I go to an apothecary and ask him if he has anything that will relieve me of these nuisances, and he offers me a powder that he tells me will surely exterminate them or drive them all away, I will not refuse to buy it, nor stop to quarrel with him because I don't know what sort of poison it is. I am satisfied to know that it will accomplish my object—that it will drive out the rats and the mice, and the roaches, &c. Now I think this great National barn of ours is filled with all these various tormenting pests, and I feel as if I should be willing to help to scatter the poison that will drive them out; and when we once purify and cleanse the barn, it will not be a very difficult matter to keep it clean.

Perhaps I should apologize, gentlemen, for answering your letter at such length, but I could not say less if I had anything to say about Nebraska, for while I may have said too much for you, I have said too little to do myself justice; but what I have said, I think, and all are welcome to know it. It has never been my habit to withhold my opinion to propitiate any party or any section of country. I say what my judgment and reason approve, and let the consequences take care of themselves.

I am national in all my views—sectional in none. I hold the Union to be above all price and all calculation. I hold Union and Freedom to be synonymous; and whatever sacrifice I would make to preserve the one I would also make to perpetuate the other; and no temptation, however glittering to the eye or gratifying to the taste, could ever induce me to connect myself with any party, either North-ern or Southern, that was purely sectional in its nature. I would never consent to occupy any platform, every plank of which was not taken from the Constitution, and upon which every American citizen might not stand with pride, and dignity and safety; and with these views and feelings I offer you a sentiment that gushes out warm, fresh, and full from my heart; which every honest man and patriot must endorse. I offer you—

"The integrity of the Constitution—the integrity of the States—the integrity of parties—the integrity of sections, and the integrity of men should never be sacrificed for territory, for Slavery, for emoluments or for power."

I am, gentlemen, with great esteem and regard,
Very truly yours,
JOHN M. BOTTS.

To Messrs. TUCKER, CONDIT, and HOWELL.

The reading of this letter was frequently interrupted by applause, and at its end three more hearty cheers were given for its author.

# NEW-YORK CITY.

**Large Fire in Broadway—Judson's Hotel Destroyed—Loss $70,000.**

Judson's Hotel, No. 61 Broadway, between Exchange-alley and Rector-street, was, with its contents, almost entirely destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The entire loss is estimated at about $70,000.

The building was erected ten years ago. It is of brick, five stories in height, and, fronting on Broadway, extended through to Trinity-place. It is owned by HARRIS STEVENS, Esq., of Montreal, but has for some months past been leased by Messrs. JOHN and PATRICK O'GRADY as a "furnished hotel"—that is, a place where rooms are let and meals given or not, as desired.

The hotel was established by CHARLES JUDSON, Esq., (now proprietor of the New-York Hotel and the Brevoort House in Fifth-avenue,) and hence its name.

The fire broke out about 6 o'clock, and is supposed to have originated from a defect in the furnace in the basement. The "heaters" in the regularly became red hot, and ignited the woodwork around it. A servant girl first discovered the fire and gave the alarm. The fire spread with great rapidity, and as the flames burned upward, they also burned sidewise rapidly towards the front and rear so that the whole structure was soon in conflagration, and but little of the furniture was saved. The boarders and servants were compelled to make their escape in such haste that most of their clothing and personal baggage was lost. About one hundred and eighty guests were in the house when the fire broke out. Some of them were in bed at the time, and had to escape with barely sufficient clothing to protect them from the cold. The servants, about thirty in number, had to take shelter in the First Ward Station-house. Some of the servant girls were the last to remain in the *building, and had to be rescued from the balcony* and front windows by means of ladders.

In less than two hours from the discovery of the fire, the whole interior of the edifice was in a blaze, and it became evident that all the Fire Department could accomplish would be to prevent the flames from extending to the valuable buildings adjoining, on either side. The streets were ordered to be cleared, as the fall of the walls was apprehended. About 10 o'clock the floors of the basement and second story fell with a crash which shook the whole building. The next building south,—occupied on the lower floors by the offices of ADAMS & Co.'s Express, and on the upper stories by J. C. HORN & Co. dry goods jobbers,—was at this time seriously threatened. The danger in this quarter, owing to the exertions of the firemen, was, after a great struggle, entirely subdued. At a later hour a portion of the wall of the hotel fell over on the dome of the rear office of Messrs. ADAMS & Co.'s Express Building, causing considerable damage.

The buildings on the north side of the Hotel, towards Trinity Church, consist of a freestone block. No. 63 is occupied by Messrs. HOYT, TILLINGHAST & Co., commission merchants; Messrs. MCCURDY, ALDRICH & SPENCER occupied No. 65, and No. 67 was occupied by Messrs. POLK, GARRIGUES & Co. This block is separated from JUDSON'S by an alley, about four feet in width, which opening on Trinity place, reaches up nearly to Broadway. A number of the hotel windows opened on this passage, and the flames poured through them so that the entire space was one torrent of flame playing upon the walls of the block. The passage was so situated as to be impassable to the exertions of the firemen, and the block was for some time considered in great danger.

About 10 o'clock the centre walls fell, and by 10½ o'clock little also remained except the exterior walls.

At 11 o'clock the firemen on the roof of ADAMS & Co.'s building pushed down the hotel walls on Trinity place, with ladders, to prevent them falling into the street upon the crowd.

The families of Messrs. O'GRADYS, the proprietors, found shelter at the Irving House, where Mr. BURNETT cheerfully threw open his doors and rendered all in his power to make them comfortable.

A citizen named SMILL, residing in Sixth-avenue, was severely cut on the head, by a brick falling off the roof. He was taken home in a carriage.

The Insurance watch will remain at the smouldering ruins all night, to keep a lookout for the costly edifices adjoining.

**Anti-Slavery Lecturers.**

The New-York Anti-Slavery Society advertises to-day an important accession to its corps of lecturers for the coming season. Besides the persons announced on Saturday, they are to have the services of RALPH WALDO EMERSON, and Hon. N. P. BANKS, M. C., of Massachusetts.

**Military.**

The Young Independent Guard, Captain THOS. MCCARTHY, went to Hoboken yesterday on their third annual parade and target excursion. They numbered thirty-two muskets and were accompanied by SHELTON'S brass band. Eighteen handsome prizes were awarded to the best shots.

## COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

**Board of Aldermen....Nov. 20.**

REPORTS ADOPTED.

Of Committee on Streets to have pumps removed in Essex, Greenwich and Franklin-streets; to pave Thirty-sixth-street, from Second to Third-avenues. On Fire Department, giving a new house to Hose Company No. 41 and a new carriage to Hose Company No. 55. On Police, concurring to pay the medical bills of Drs. Kierstead, Simmons, Collest and Kilbourne for services in the Sixth Ward. The items were principally stabs and cut heads. In favor of concurring to increase the Police force of the Second and Sixth Wards.

CROSS-STREET CHANGED TO PARK-STREET.

A petition from the Mission Society of the Five Points, presented by Alderman HOWARD, to have the name of Cross-street changed to Park-street, was granted. The petition states that the Society had made many improvements in the neighborhood, and intended to make further, and that many of the owners of property there intended to improve the same. To enable them to carry this into effect, they requested the name to be changed, and thus remove some of the odium which had so long attached to the neighborhood.

ORDINANCE FOR CONTRACT BONDS.

The report of the Finance Committee, accompanying an ordinance to authorize the issue of Bonds upon Contracts, after considerable debate, was adopted, and the ordinance passed. The Committee reported that they had carefully examined the subject, and found that heretofore, contractors have been obliged to wait until the completion of the work, before receiving payment therefor; thus requiring in many cases, a large amount of capital to carry on the work; and contractors, in order to protect themselves against loss, were obliged to contract at higher prices than would be requisite if they received their pay during the progress of the work. The provisions of the ordinance will enable men of smaller capital to take a share of City contracts, with a saving to the property holders.

The Ordinance provides that when any contract shall be made hereafter by any of the departments of the Corporation, payments are to be made to the contractors by monthly instalments of 70 *per cent* on the amount of work performed, the remaining 30 *per cent.* to be reserved until the final completion of the contract. To provide for these payments is authorized from time to borrow such sums as may be necessary, upon bonds to be known as "Assessment Bonds," at a rate of interest not to exceed six per cent, these bonds to be paid from the collections made on the assessment lists. The Ordinance is to apply only to contracts of ten thousand dollars, unless on confirmation of the assessment by the Common Council. The Board adjourned to Thursday evening next at 5 P. M.

**Board of Councilmen....MONDAY, Nov. 20.**

EDWIN J. BROWN, Esq., President, in the Chair.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

From Empire Engine Company No. 42, against transferring their machine to the exempt firemen. From S. Sagrill & Co., to be paid for a cask of linseed oil which was stolen from the sidewalk in Centre-street, where it had been left on the night of the election. Of Patrick Hart, to be remunerated for injuries received from being run over by Engine No. 32. For the relief of Robert Hunt, of Francis Clark, and others, of Engine No. 44, to be heard before the Committee on the Fire Department. In favor of the erection of sheds for oystermen in Catharine Market.

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED.

On the propriety of grading the easterly side of Hamilton-square. To fence vacant lots in Thirtieth-street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues. To have the streets of the Twelfth and Nineteenth Wards numbered. For a fire hydrant in Twenty-third-street, between First and Second-avenues.

RESOLUTIONS LAID OVER.

Committee on streets report on the 1st Monday in December on the expediency of the opening of Albany-street, through Trinity Churchyard.

COMMUNICATIONS REFERRED.

In relation to building a house for Engine Company No. 47. To build an engine for the use of Engine Company No. 47. To assess for the grading of One Hundred and Twenty-eighth-street, between the Fourth and Seventh avenues. In the matter of regulating Eighty-third-street, between Third and Fourth-avenues.

REPORTS ADOPTED.

Adverse to a sewer in Seventeenth-street, on the Ninth avenue. In favor of returning the communication from the Governors of the Almshouse asking for an addition to the appropriation made in November, 1853—the sum of $125,000.

On motion, the Board went into Committee of the Whole—Mr. VERMILYE in the Chair. Several papers from the calendar were brought before the Committee for action, principally relating to counsel's fees for defending Councilmens' contested election.

The Board adjourned till 5 P. M. this evening.

## LAW INTELLIGENCE.

COURT CALENDAR—TUESDAY.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—Nos. 6, 15, 25, 42, 50, 55, 56, 58, 79.

SUPREME COURT—*General Term.*—Same as before.

SUPREME COURT—Circuit—Nos. 860, 802, 814, 861, 812, 716, 808 to 190, 802 to 820.

SUPREME COURT—Chambers—Nos. 747, 781, 820, 412, 267, 1028, 1026, 1022, 1030, 1042, 1046, 725, 726, 638, 552, 1003 to 1001, 1064, 1065, 1067, 1068, 1070, 1071, 1072, 1074 to 1080, 602, 303, 247, 402, 600, 681, 301, 226, 807, 697, 1011, 1091.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—Nov. 20.

In the case of *George E. Sellers* vs. *The Pennsylvania Railroad Company*, the Jury will bring in a sealed verdict in the morning.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—Nov. 20.

Before Judge Betts.

The case of *Charles Strauss* vs. *The Bark Roderick Dhu*, was taken up to-day. The libelant sues to recover for a hogshead of sugar which he alleges was shipped on board the bark, and to be delivered at New-York. The bills of lading calls for 38 hogsheads marked F., and 17 marked J. S., and it is alleged that only 37 marked F. were delivered.

The claimant of the bark alleges that they were all placed upon the dock in safety, and that there is no fault on the part of the bark, but that all were delivered.

For libelant, Mr. Wright and Mr. Lane; for claimant, Messrs. Benedict, Scoville & Benedict.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM—Nov. 20.

Before Welles, P. J., Morris and Clerke, J. J.

*Kierstead* vs. *Trinity Church.*—This action seems to be of a nature somewhat similar to that of Jardyce vs. Jardyce. It has been before the Courts for years, and now has come up for another hearing once more.

On Thursday Mr. Hoffman made his argument, and Mr. Sullivan commenced. To-day Mr. Sullivan will probably close.

CHAMBERS—Nov. 20.

Before Hon. Justice Roseboom.

*Pond* vs. *Hanover Fire Insurance Company.*—This case of which we gave already given the particulars, is still on. The examination of witnesses for the defence still continues, and will not most likely be brought to a close for a day or two longer.

IN CHAMBERS—Nov. 20.

Before Hon. Justice Roseboom.

ORDERED.

*Gibbs* vs. *Whitlock.*—Motion denied with $5 costs.

*Childs* vs. *Childs.*—Motion not confirmed. Pts to be in eight days.

*Collins* vs. *Chamberlin.*—These interrogatories are too leading they must be so drawn as not to be answerable "yes" or "no."

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—Nov. 20.

Before Hon. Judge Rosekrans.

*Fry* vs. *Bennett.*—This is a pro formâ motion for a new trial upon various questions of law, and also upon the ground that the damages are excessive and for an arrest of Judgment. This case will probably go up to the General Term when we shall give a full report. For the plaintiff, Halbrath, Townsend and Brady. For the defendant, Mr. Sherman.

TRIAL TERM—Nov. 20.

Before Hon. Chief Justice Oakley.

*Andrews* vs. *Bernstein.*—It is alleged in this action that in May, 1852, one Sarah A. Lowenstein delivered a lot of Kossuth hats to Bernstein who was to take them to California, and sell them on commission at auction on the best terms he could. The goods arrived out, but Bernstein has never rendered an account, although it has been more than six months since. The action has been assigned to Mr. Andrews, who now brings the suit for the value of the goods, viz.: $750. The defence set up is a general denial. For the plaintiff, Messrs. Lapaugh and Andrews.

Before Hon. Justice Ingraham.

*Smith* vs. *Mayor, &c., of New-York City.*—This was an action brought to recover for work, labor and materials employed in building a sewer in Madison-lane. The defendants made a contract in 1847 with James W. Smith to do the work. The work was duly performed and a portion of the money paid. By the contract the work was to be measured by one of the City Surveyors, whose return was to be the guide in computing the price of the work. Measurement was made and a return filed, stating the amount due the contractor at $14,148 40.

It is alleged that $12,331 04 have been paid, leaving a balance of $810 12, for which the suit is brought. James W. Smith, the contractor, assigned the contract to the Seventh Ward Bank, and they have assigned it to the plaintiff, A. M. C. Smith.

The defendants admit the contract, and that they have only paid thereon $12,331 56, but deny there is any more due.

They also allege that the contractor performed all the conditions of the contract.

They also allege that the stores and buildings in Madison-lane were overflowed and damaged by water to the amount of $535.

That by the contract the contractor was to pay all damages that should arise from the improper performance of the work, and that all surplus rubbish was to be removed.

This was not done, and the defendants were obliged to remove it themselves at a cost of $261 62.

These two sums were deducted from the amount which the contractor would have otherwise been entitled to, and are the items which make up the $810 62 for which this suit is brought.

For plaintiffs—John Graham.

For defendants—Riggs, Tickenrum & Lawrence.

Before Hon. Judge Campbell.

*Anderson* vs. *Park.*—The defendants, who are merchants in this City, made an agreement to deliver a quantity of lumber to the plaintiff at New-Haven for $22 per thousand. This they have not done, and this suit is brought to recover damages in $2,000 for the non-performance of the contract. The defendant claims that the contract was not in writing, and therefore void by the Statute of Frauds. The case was on last Saturday, but the Court directed that a juror be withdrawn, and that the case have preference to-day before a new jury.

Before Justice Shaw.

*Collins* vs. *Bradshaw.*—The suit is brought on a promissory note for $605 50, payable to Warren Benson in six months from date. A demand for the note was presented for payment and payment refused.

The defendant admits the making of the note, but denies that the plaintiff is the lawful owner of the note.

It seems that the note was made to renew another note and to secure certain loans to Bradshaw, and that it was endorsed to one Benson Benson and then transferred to the defendant, and by him given to one Moe to buy lumber with, who, instead of thus using it, pledged it as security for a loan to him from a Mr. Soley. It is further alleged that the plaintiff knew that the note was thus wrongfully obtained by Soley.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S OFFICE.

ARREST FOR MURDER ON THE HIGH SEAS.

Victor Francisco, who was taken into custody by the United States Consul at Matanzas, and sent home by the mail steamer Cahawba, was yesterday surrendered to the United States Marshal. The prisoner stands charged with the murder of Wm. H. Lowe, the mate of the American brig *Inez*, while on the high seas, &c. The brig is supposed to belong to the State of Maine, where the witnesses to establish the guilt of the prisoner can be found. The act of Congress is, however, imperative, that the trial of a prisoner charged with an offence against the laws of the United States must take place in the District where he is landed after arrest. The examination of this prisoner must therefore await the arrival of the witnesses. In the meantime, he is lodged in the Tombs.

REMONSTRANCE ON BOARD A COLLINS' STEAMER.

—Tompkins, the first officer of the steamer *Pacific*, who was arrested on a charge preferred by the Custom-House authorities, of smuggling watches on board of that vessel on her last voyage from Liverpool, was admitted to bail.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Before Chief Justice Oakley.

*George W. Walling* vs. *The Mayor, &c.*—The plaintiff avers in his complaint that from and prior to the 1st day of September, 1851, until after the 14th day of September, 1853, he was a policeman, detailed to perform special duty at the Chief's office. In August, 1851, the Common Council fixed the salary of Policemen at $600 per annum, but limited the salary of detailed policemen to $500 per year. In September, 1853 the Common Council passed an ordinance providing that detailed policemen should receive the same compensation as other policemen. It was provided that this ordinance should take effect from the 1st of January preceding. The plaintiff between the passage of the former and latter ordinance, received only $500 per year. To recover the difference between this sum and $600 per year which plaintiff claims, this suit is brought. Mr. Henry L. Clinton, counsel for plaintiff, contended that the provision in the ordinance of 1851, limiting the pay of detailed men to $500, was void; and that in any event the plaintiff under the ordinance of 1853, was entitled to compensation at the rate of $600 per annum from the 1st of January to September of that year.

A verdict for $203, the full amount claimed, was rendered for plaintiff, subject to the opinion of the Court of General Term.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—Nov. 20.

Before Hon. Judge Beals.

INDICTMENT FOR A NUISANCE.

Thomas Jackson, rag-merchant, was yesterday indicted in this Court for creating a public nuisance. The testimony showed that in June last, the store of Mr. Jackson, in Water-street, took fire, and was partly burned. The rags in the store were saturated with water, and were removed to Beery's Lumber-yard, between Avenues A and B, and Sixth and Seventh-streets, for the purpose of being dried. Here they were spread out beneath the rays of a scorching sun, and became a source of great annoyance to persons dwelling in the vicinity. The City Inspector testified to the nature of the nuisance. The smell which was emitted was noisome to the whole locality, and operated very injuriously on the health of those subjected to its influence. Several witnesses testified to the inconvenience and disgust it occasioned, while the witnesses called for the defence testified, on the other hand, that they had received no annoyance from the rags being thus exposed. Mr. Jackson refused to remove the rags until he was compelled to by the police, and hence the present prosecution. The Jury found the defendant guilty. Sentence deferred.

GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY?

Peter McLoughlin was charged with perjury on the last election day. Upon being asked by the Clerk of the Court, whether he was Guilty or not Guilty, he replied that he could not tell, as he was never in a Court before. His trial was set down for this day.

VIOLATING A WAREHOUSE SEAL.

Francis Barbier was placed on trial charged with obtaining four cigars on October 1st, from Samuel L. Neatts, in the cigar store No. 4906 Broadway, and offering in payment for them a banknote of one dollar, purporting to be issued by the Metropolitan Bank, Washington, D. C., such bank not being in existence at the time the bill was uttered.

*James Burgess*, a money-broker, at No. 164 Nassau-street, testified that the bill was a mere shinplaster, and evidenced a fraud by all honorable brokers; there was no place for the redemption of such bills in Washington, though witness believed they were once redeemed in a dollar at No. 70 Nassau-street, in this City.

The Judge remarked that the indictment was defective on two points, and that it would be useless to proceed with the case. In the first place, the defendant was charged with obtaining cigars by means of the bill, whereas the cigars were delivered to him before he uttered the bill; and he should have been indicted, therefore, for receiving the change. Secondly, the cigars were said to be the property of Mr. Nasits, whereas that gentleman was only a clerk in the store. On these grounds there could be no conviction.

The Jury, upon instruction from the Court, rendered a formal verdict of not guilty, there being a variance between the indictment and the proof.

## NEW-JERSEY.

**A Sunday Row in Newark.**

The Newark *Mercury* reports that at about noon on Sunday two Irishmen were fighting on the corner of Lock and Academy streets, when the Sunday Marshals and Police on duty interfered to arrest the parties. A crowd speedily assembled and the Irish determined to rescue the prisoners, and accordingly a general fight commenced, a very savage attack being made upon the officers. One of the persons originally arrested was quite severely injured in his determination to escape, but the officers succeeded in their purpose, and he was committed for trial. Some of the officers were hurt in the melee, but they deserve great praise for their unflinching determination to prevent riot and disorder.

Since the above was written, we learn that the persons of the combatants were PATRICK CLARK and PETRUS BAIR. Patterson Sims and Wyman spoke to them, saying that they must be quiet, as they should arrest them. No attention was paid to the officers, and the Irishmen renewed the fight. The officers promptly interfered, and, after a severe struggle, secured the combatants and succeeded in preserving them. A crowd having collected, one of the Sunday Wardens (Mr. A. C. COGAN) remarked that the officers ought to be shot, and that if they were all brought before him, he would discharge the Irishmen and commit the officers. This and other language calculated to provoke a riot, incited the crowd to the attempt, when stones and brickbats were thrown, one of which severely injured Officer HALL in the head. The mob succeeded in taking the prisoners from the policemen, but continuous having arrived from the Station-house, they were recaptured and committed by Justice HYDE.

**A Prohibitory Liquor Law for New-Jersey.**

*From the Newark Daily Mercury.*

While we are doubtful whether the friends of a Prohibitory Law have a majority in either Branch of the New-Jersey Legislature, there is everything to encourage them in the position of the matter. Prudent and politic action will certainly secure the passage of such a law by the next Legislature after the one chosen. The great danger is that the movement this Winter will be directed by impracticable men, who do not understand what is best for the cause. The real way to secure this law is to aim for a bill submitting the principle of Prohibition to the decision of the people.

A Prohibitory Law should be introduced into the Assembly and passed to a second reading, and its principles should then be referred to the people by a separate bill, while the Prohibitory Law itself could be postponed to the next Legislature. Let the vote on this law be taken in the Spring, and we are confident that the principle of prohibition would receive a large majority in our State. This would leave the contest for the Legislature of the next year in such a shape that the temperance men could easily win the day. There are a variety of reasons in favor of this course besides its practicability. There are many members of the Legislature recently chosen who are ready to vote for a reference to the people, who are not prepared to vote for the bill itself. Prohibition is, however, gaining in popularity every day, and the next year may find these members ready to sustain the measure itself, especially when the people have sanctioned it.

**Letter from Texas.**

*From the New-Orleans Crescent of Nov. 13.*

The steamship *Nautilus* arrived at Branch Santiago via Galveston, bringing dates from the latter place to the 10th instant, one day later than received by the *Perseverance*.

The Galveston *Civilian* states that the yellow fever is at an end in that city, for the present season. Not a single case existed in the hospital, and several hundred German emigrants had been permitted to land.

The fever was increasing at Lavaca, according to the latest accounts

# New-York Daily Times.

NEW-YORK, TUESDAY, NOV. 21, 1854.

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**To Correspondents.**

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## Post-Office Reform.

There is a great want in this country, which has reached its culminating point in this good City of New-York. Year after year, month after month, it has gone on, until now it is not merely a growing evil, but an evil fully grown, matured, universally felt, unanimously complained of. The evil is Post-Office mismanagement, and the remedy is to be supplied only by pressing on with Post-Office Reform.

It would be easy to fill columns with the complaints which reach us from all quarters respecting the Post-Office. But of what use is it, or can it be, to repeat what is patent to the public? Every one knows that no department of public business is so wholly mismanaged as the Post-Office—particularly in New-York. In a letter from Mr. J. HOLBROOK, Special Agent of the Post-Office Department, (which we published yesterday,) he admits, with commendable candor, that "the construction of the building used for the Post-Office, as is well known, is altogether unfit for the vast amount of business to be transacted;" and further, that "the receipt and dispatch of all the mails being necessarily from the same door, increases the liabilities to such accidents" as the sending a batch of country letters to the office of the DAILY TIMES, instead of forwarding them to their proper destination, across the country, to Providence, "and render that degree of vigilance and system which ought to be in force in so important a Post-Office, next to impossible."

It strikes us that this is a very insufficient apology for the greatest carelessness. But we grant to the fullest all that is claimed, as to the absolute *necessity* for a building adapted not only for the Post-Office as it is, but as it may and must be in a not remote future. Let us, in this, take a lesson from England. Up to 1837, John Bull put up with a Post-Office nearly as bad as our own, the entrances to which were in a narrow court or alley in Lombard-street. Popular discontent arose at the want of adequate accommodation—and (greater concessions being invariably made, in England, to popular discontent, than among ourselves,) a new Post-Office was erected, on what then appeared a mammoth scale, and the public were satisfied—for a time. But there was an increase in the business of the department, by a sort of geometrical progression; then came the penny postage, next was a vast increase in newspaper circulation, and finally the business of the money-order office was augmented beyond all calculation or reasonable expectation. The result was that the new Post-Office in St. Martin's-le-Grand, albeit one of the largest public buildings used for any Government department in London, was found, ere it was twenty years old, to be insufficient for the business to be transacted therein. First, an additional story was erected; then it was laterally enlarged; and, finally, another and extensive building was erected in the neighborhood, (as a sort of chapel-of-ease,) for the exclusive purpose of the money-order business. We state these facts because one example is better than a hundred precepts, and we would most strongly urge that the new Post-Office, which we *must* have, be made so large, in the first instance, that there may be no complaints, by and by, of inadequate accommodation.

An enlarged Post-Office will require a considerable increase in the number of clerks,—which is much less at present than it should be. There is no economy whatever in our working officials. It usually happens that those who fill the most laborious situations, and have to do most of the work, are inadequately paid. It is not economy on the part of the Government to throw too much work into too few hands, but most *painful parsimony*.

In an enlarged Post-Office an adequate number of private boxes might be supplied, without compelling boxes to be disposed of at premiums varying from twenty-five to one hundred dollars. In the great provincial commercial cities of England, (such as Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Birmingham, &c.,) these private boxes are attached to each post-office, and are accommodating to the public as well as profitable to the postmaster. However, in the London offices (general or district) there is not one private box.

It may be asked how and why this is? Our reply is that punctual, early and frequent delivery of letters is the rule in London, and that a merchant or other man of business who goes into his counting-house or store at 9 o'clock in the morning, and finds all his letters on his desk at that hour, really does not require a box at the Post-Office. There are two daily deliveries of general post letters (foreign and provincial) all over London, and so punctually that the recipient may fairly calculate upon not more than five minutes' variation in the time of delivery to him. There is further an hourly delivery, by the District post, of letters passing from one part of London to the other, and six deliveries per diem in the environs, within a circle of three miles. Even to the suburbs, as far away as twelve miles, the District deliveries are from two to five each day. All over London, a letter posted say at a quarter before 1 o'clock, will be sent out at 1 o'clock to be delivered, and will be irregular if not received, at the latest, by the 2 o'clock delivery. We have to mention, by *way of contrast*, that we recently received a letter at 11 o'clock on Tuesday, which had been posted in an U. S. green box at a post-office "uptown," on the preceding Friday at 1. In London, at the very latest, such a letter would have been delivered within two hours after it was posted. In New-York it took *four days to travel*.

Punctual and frequent deliveries are what we very frequently require. The Post Office proper is so slow and irregular, that the public have patronized, as quicker and more reliable, such private speculations as those of BOYD and SWARZ. Strictly speaking, neither these nor any other persons have a right to assume the power, (properly belonging to the Government,) of acting as postmasters. But, when the Government either cannot or will not perform its duty, private individuals cannot be blamed if they endeavor to supply the deficiency. And that they do so with, as we understand, satisfaction to the public and *liberal profits to themselves*, shows what the Government might have done, for the good of letter-readers and letter-writers, and to the great augmentation of the national revenue—one item of which is expected to arise from the Post-Office Department.

These are a few, and only a few, of the points which strike us on a review of what the Post-Office is and what it should be; what it is in other places, (a real aid and blessing to the community,) and the sluggish and inefficient thing which *it is now* in New-York. There are many other points, in connection with this, which we now pass over. The subject is a fruitful one, and will bear being returned to, as every one is deeply interested in Post-Office Reform.

## The Historical Society.

The first Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the New-York Historical Society was celebrated yesterday with decided *éclat*. NIBLO's large theatre was densely crowded in the afternoon by an intelligent and respectable audience, assembled to listen to the address of Mr. BANCROFT; and in the evening a large company of members and invited guests sat down to a superb dinner at the Astor House, where capital speeches were made by men of mark and distinction from our own and other cities.

Mr. BANCROFT's Address will be found at length on the second page of this morning's TIMES. It is an elaborate exposition and vindication of Mr. BANCROFT's theory of the Progress of the Race,—methodical in its argument, polished in its language, abounding in striking sentiments happily expressed, but somewhat too abstract and vague in its speculations to carry thorough conviction to the general mind. Its theory of the steady and inevitable Progress of the Race towards greater justice, greater morality and more perfect freedom, affords a needed basis and stimulus for individual and social effort; but it should not be allowed to supersede the necessity of such effort, by encouraging the belief that good and evil *alike* minister to progress and to ultimate perfection. Mr. BANCROFT read his Address from manuscript, and so slowly as to fatigue the attention, and leave the impression of incurdinate length. His elocution, when speaking extempore or *memoriter*, though always artificial, is still vigorous and effective; but in reading, while it preserves its worst characteristics, it loses all its best. His delivery yesterday was constrained, and much less pleasing than usual. The assembly, however, gave earnest and undivided attention to the Address, which will be read with general interest as it appears in print.

The speeches at the dinner were unusually spicy and interesting. The celebration as a whole went off admirably. We trust it will arouse a deeper and more general interest than has hitherto been felt in the progress and prosperity of this most excellent and useful Society.

## Nebraska.

Yesterday was the day on which the Census of Nebraska Territory was to have been completed. It was not to be so extensive a job as some of the Census takings have been,—the estimated population at this date amounting to 1,000 souls. Governor BURT having died some four weeks since, the Secretary, T. B. CUMING, acts in his place. He will make the apportionment into districts as soon as the Census returns come in, and then the election of members to the Territorial Legislature and of a Delegate to Congress will take place. We have great interest in discovering whether the Know-Nothings, with their usual omnipresence, are already on hand, ready to take the offices and do the hurrahing when the victory is announced.

## Outrages on the Texan Frontier.

It is painful to read, as all who read the news must as often as once a week at least, the repeated announcement of new butcheries and massacres by the Indians on the Texan frontier. It is the same horrid story over and over again, of robberies committed, children ruthlessly dashed to pieces, women carried into captivity and men scalped and slain. It would seem but human that some measures be adopted by the General Government sufficient to frighten these red-skin vagabonds into better behavior. But much doubt has been thrown upon the veracity of this whole class of stories by travelers who have quartered in those parts. It is said that many *paper murders* are committed, with the simple object of getting soldiers and money into neighborhoods where business is dull and cash scarce. It is easy to conceive that unscrupulous traders would consent to have some imaginary Mrs. Smith scalped and her dream-children braised, if by so doing they could get a regiment stationed near their trading posts. It is not difficult to imagine that public-spirited men would readily consent to many a horrid outrage of imaginary occurrence for the sake of the "*custom*" it would draw, and *for the benefit of the place*. If there is nothing of this sort practiced, how could General SMITH—who should know—say, as he did at Washington a while since, that no more additional protection is needed on the frontiers? However, the outrages are not all bogus ones, nor the atrocities fictious. It must be a hard place to live, and a heathenish frontier to die on, if we judge from the Texas papers.

## Our Prisons.

We are glad to see that the remarks of the press at various periods, on the management of City Prisons, have produced some effect. Through the efficient agency of the present Warden of the Tombs Prison, several changes of importance have been brought about. The visitor will find now that the little boys committed are not shut up in the same apartments, or even in the same building with the old rogues. A separate range of rooms in a distinct building is provided for them.

The witnesses too, and those lodged for a night, are not as *formerly*, obliged to herd with an indiscriminate mass of rowdies, pickpockets and robbers. They have their own cells in front of the common criminal cells; and it was full time. The fact that a young boy, caught in his first offence, or sent to the Prison for having no other home, should be at once confined *in the same hall with old and hardened ruffians*, to learn there thoroughly lessons which he was only entering upon before; that punishment should be principally a process of educating inexperienced rogues into skilled rogues, was something so painful and cruel that we wonder a humane Government could have permitted it so long. Yet the same system, unless very recently changed, is in use on Blackwell's Island, and even in a worse form. The man, perhaps an old house-breaker or a trained thief, is shut up in the same cell, and that hardly measuring 7 feet by 4, with a boy who may have been sentenced for a trivial offence, to which hunger and desperation have driven him.

They spend the long hours of night, and the hours of cessation from labor, here in this little place together. Here too is passed the main part of the Sunday. All that was ever learnt of debauchery, or of the tricks of dishonest trades, or of the dodges of roguery by the one, is told over to the other in these dull hours. The lad eagerly drinks it in. He learns the haunts and the slang of the flash characters and criminal classes. He serves in his three or six months a thorough pupilage of roguery. During his dull imprisonment, and his drudgery in the prison works, not a single one of the usual motives which entice men to virtue is held out to him. Industry, sobriety, good conduct gain him nothing. He has no probation—no trial of his character. He has upon him the brand of three months' imprisonment; he learns a three months' lesson in rascality, and then the State has done its duty, and he is discharged into the world again.

Is it any wonder that children so crowd our public stations and courts of justice? That the Chief of Police should report during the year 1853 some *thirty-three hundred* boys and girls as committed to the City Prisons?

The truth is, no child—no young boy or girl should be sent to the Blackwell's Island prison. There is no use in it. It is unpractical; it is disgraceful to our humanity. Vengeance for abstract moral wrong does not belong to Governments; least of all to our present City Government. And if it did, the homeless street boy, or the young girl bred among brothels, is not the one on whom to exercise this mysterious privilege. We neglected them when they were young and could have been improved; why should we doggedly punish them now? We let the seed be carelessly sown, and now complain of the harvest.

No Judge on the bench of our City Criminal Courts should send a young boy to the prisons. He merely sentences him to crime. He makes sure that a career begun perhaps in thoughtlessness, or at least under great temptations, should end in unredeemed criminality. Let him act towards the poor young vagabond and ruffian as he would have the great Judge act towards him. Let there be some chance afforded of doing better hereafter.

We have now the House of Refuge—an Institution of Reform, not alone of penalty, where a child-convict can be placed under comparatively good influences, can learn a trade—and if proved steady and honest, be put at an honest occupation and among kind people at a distance from the City. We have the Juvenile Asylum for those a little younger and more entirely vagrant and homeless, where the outcast boy can have the care almost of a home about him, and be educated and elevated to a respectable and honest life. There is the Children's Aid Society—whose visitors frequent the prisons, and who have found homes for hundreds of poor and criminal children, in every part of the land. There is no need of the prison for the child. It is a barbarism and a folly. Thus to sentence fails of the very object of all penal Legislation. It does not lessen crime—it rather opens a school of new criminals.

There should be, too, a great change in the practical detail of punishment for all convicts. Despite the severe views to the contrary, it has come now to be universally acknowledged that one great object of punishment is Reform. The prisoner must be made not merely to eat the bitter fruits of his doings, and to be a warning to others, but the fruit must be of some good to himself—otherwise Society loses. We recognize now that a jail fails of one great object when it sends a man out worse than he entered. Yet in our City Prisons there is very little of any treatment which would stimulate a prisoner to industry, or would really strengthen his character. The truth is, the great principle which rules all life outside of the prison, should govern it also within;—*that success and comfort must depend on Character.*

A convict should find his pleasures, and especially the *duration of his imprisonment*, depend on his behavior. His industry should bring in some little return to himself, if only in the smallest wages. His good conduct should draw after it some reward, present and palpable. A man or boy who drudges his time out in compulsory labor, without even a single return to himself, gains no habit of industry, any more than the slave. Rather, he comes to look on work as punishment. A convict, who merely follows the prison-rules without any opportunity of bettering himself, cannot receive much moral discipline. His power of being honest or dishonest is never tested; his sobriety, his faithfulness, his economy, his self-restraint, are not tried or strengthened. There are no chances of showing the opposite qualities, and no opportunities of developing these to a higher degree. His life is a slave-round of penal *drudgeries and observances. He is no* more of a man when he gets to the end.

Now, this must be wrong. The great principles which shape human life must be applied in some degree to the Prison.

We are glad to observe that the State Prisons recognize this, in the opportunities they give the convicts of earning something for themselves when their regular task of work is done, and in the privileges they have granted to good behavior.

Still this is not enough. Some such system as that pursued by Capt. MACONOCHIE, *in 1839, in Norfolk Island, is needed in* our Prisons—the *mark-system*, whereby certain marks given to the prisoner for industry, sobriety and orderly conduct, shall count in *shortening his term*. It is not necessarily this system which we would demand, but any arrangement by which moral and industrious habits in the Prison should affect the term and sentence of the one convicted. Let *Character* pay there as well as outside. Let life be a probation, too, in the Prison. Let us have a system by which men may be strengthened and tested for their future life. When this is done, we shall not have the same boy, or man or woman brought back continually every few months, till two-thirds of the prisoners become *habitués* of the place; and the prison-life is merely a useless round of penalties, till the experienced come to feel that one term in the Prison is forever after fatal to character and success, and that "once sentenced" generally means often sentenced. We cannot suggest the precise system of penalty by which such evils can be remedied, but we can at least call the attention of the wise and good everywhere to them, in the hope of a more humane and practical legislation being at length attempted.

## The Drouth in Maine.

The drouth which was cause of common complaint last Summer, continued much later into the Fall than most suppose, in many parts of the Union. In Maine its force was not broken until the rains came some two weeks since. The beds of the Androscoggin and the Kennebec have seldom been drier than they were on the first of November. Doubtless, it contributed very much toward keeping up the price of lumber—the fact that on account of the failure of mill streams, most of the saw-mills had to stop running. The Androscoggin has been full of logs which in a good season would have been delivered at the mills near their outlets long ago, but owing to the scarcity of water, had sunk to the bottom and become bedded there. Much fear was felt that these would lay so long as to freeze while at the bottom, and so with the freshets of the Spring be swept out into the sea, to the loss of a very great amount of property. The heavy rains of the early part of November however have filled the springs, flooded the rivers, floated out the logs and set the mills to running. The men of Maine will go into the business of Thanksgiving a week from Thursday with infinitely better spirit than they could have done had the drouth continued. The old prophesy is again fulfilled, that the springs must be full before Winter can set in.

## The Cider-mill Path of Progress.

Progress is the doctrine of the age,—"going ahead" is its motto. Yet it so often finds its own tracks in the path it takes, that it is not strange some fancy that we travel in a cider-mill path and progress in a circle. You can scarcely invent a new machine but antiquarians will turn up its counterpart at Pompeii, and it is seldom that a new process in the arts cannot be proved to have been practiced in the old times. It would really seem true, as one complained, "that the ancients stole all our thunder," and were smarter and greater than we only because they lived while the world was fresh, the trades not so entirely overcrowded, and almost everything worth knowing was lying just under the surface waiting to be discovered. It is only of late years that our ladies have discovered that it is not genteel to eat with the aid of both hands at their meals. But the Mzabar people 600 years ago, scrupulously abstained from using any but the right hand in eating, and were as awkward as our ladies in handling the fork where a knife was needed. It was thought an unparalleled thing that some of his very strong friends cast their votes for Mr. WEBSTER after he was dead. But the ancient Tartars married their deceased children together, and the surviving families lived ever after as if they had been connected by a life-time marriage. The Chinese "docked" their horses in the Thirteenth Century as our livery stables do theirs now. The Indians of that day used an ingeniously contrived cane-work bedstead that closed with gauze curtains by pulling a string, so that though the air circulated freely through, insects found no admittance. But our happy possessor of a musquito-netting, dreams in his safe en-concealment, to the music of the singing pests, that the poor ancient had to lie still and be stung without these modern improvements to shield him. Some fancy that the Know-Nothings were originated about a year ago, and up to that time were an undreamed-of party. But they had their lodges in Sparta, and SAM, under a Greek name, was stumping it in all the towns south of the Pindus so long ago as when Greece was in its glory. The old Greeks were terribly hard on aliens. They taxed them inordinately, but would not let them vote, and altogether treated them worse than modern ULLMANN and SCROGGS Know-Nothings propose to treat "the Greeks" of our day, when they have carried every point, and the Archon of the Grand Council occupies the White House. The order is older than that of Masonry.

## Musical.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—Last evening this handsome establishment opened with a strong company—numerically considered—of English vocalists. *In an address to the public, the Manager* says he believes it essential to the success of an Opera Company that it should be entirely free from that depressing incubus, the "Star System." If this theory be correct, (and we think it is in the long run,) Mr. NIBLO should have a successful campaign, for his company is certainly free from the incubus referred to. Excepting Mlle. NAU and Mr. HORNCASTLE, there is no one in the company whose name has been previously heard on this side the Atlantic. However, that is of little consequence; the more unknown the singer, the more we should *seek* to know him and find out all the intrinsic excellence he may possess. The star system *undoubtedly* involes an *extravagant expenditure* which might be bestowed to greater advantage. We would rather hear new operas performed by moderate artistes, than never-to-be-abolved old ones by "star" artistes however excellent. The former stimulate and benefit art; the latter depress it. If instead of exorbitant salaries, the management bestows its superfluous receipts on new, original operas, and their appurtenances, there are few who would object to the abolition of the star system.

AUBER's "Syren" was selected for the opening night, with the following cast:

*Duke*.....Mr. H. HORNCASTLE.
*Striplo*.....GEO. HARRISON.
*Sohayer*.....ALLAN IRVING.
*Scapillo*.....ST. ALBYN.
*Serina*.....Mlle. NAU.
*Rosina*.....Miss BRINSTY.

Most of the above artistes are new to an American audience. Mlle. NAU is, we believe, an American by birth, of French parentage and French education. She retains a strong accent, and is singularly foreign in personal appearance. Mlle. NAU has been before the public for many years, and enjoys considerable popularity in England and France. Her voice is clear and pure in the upper register, but rather weak in the lower part. Her method is exceedingly good and artist-like. The solfeggio sung behind the scenes in the first act impressed the audience with a favorable estimate of her ability, and the impression increased with the opera, so that Mlle. NAU's *début* may safely be called a success.

Mr. ST. ALBYN possesses a counter-tenor voice, rather shrill, but pleasing and flexible. It is by no means powerful, but sufficiently so for a theatre of this size. He sings in tune, and appears to be well "up" in the music, although anything but well "up" in the dialogue. Mr. ST. ALBYN is young, and will undoubtedly improve his opportunities. He was well received.

Mr. HORNCASTLE, as the Duke, acted well, and did what little fell to his share creditably. He is evidently a valuable member of the company. Mr. ALLAN IRVING did not know his part, or forgot it. He appears to have a pleasing voice. The same remarks apply to Mr. GEO. HARRISON. Indeed, all the male *artistes* excepting Mr. HORNCASTLE, have yet to learn the dialogue.

Mr. NIBLO has placed this opera on the stage in an admirable manner. The scenery and costumes are unusually excellent. We seldom see a better stage effect than that of the mountain pass and cottage in the second act. That alone is worth going to see.

The orchestra, under Mr. THOMAS BAKER, played the overture admirably, and was generally good. The chorus appeared to be too timid to sing out. There are some good voices in it, however, and all they require is drilling. The finale to the second act was completely spoiled by a non-observance of time.

The "Syren" will be repeated.

BROADWAY THEATRE.—The Pyne and Harrison troupe commenced a short engagement here last evening—the occasion being Mr. WALLACE's benefit, and the opera "Maritana." The house was crowded in every part. The composer was received rapturously, and the opera passed off to the complete satisfaction of the audience.

## Fire at Fishkill.

A fire broke out yesterday morning at the Fishkill Landing Foundry. The flames spread quickly, and before the fire could be extinguished the Foundry and the contents were entirely destroyed. Total loss with the building, castings, and tools, about $5,000. Insurance small. The cause of the fire is supposed to have proceeded from the castings.

☞ LONG & BROTHER, publishers, announce that the novel written by the late Mr. NORTH, and entitled *The Sleep of the Lamp*, will shortly be published—some time in December, we hear. The letter found in the author's room after his death, addressed to the publishers, is to accompany the volume. The price of the book will be $1.

*From the Albany Journal Nov. 20.*

**The Official Vote for Governor.**

The certified returns from forty counties have been received at the office of the Secretary of State. Our table, as published on Friday last, left Mr. CLARK ahead.....227 votes.

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| He gains, from this, in Yates | 7 | " |
| In Madison | 4 | " |
| In Westchester | 3 | " |
| In Putnam | 24 | " |
| Making his maj. now stand | 265 | |

The Official Canvass has not yet been declared in New-York; but it has been so thoroughly scrutinized by all parties, that it is not probable that any change will be announced.

## H. K. Gardner, Governor-Elect of Massachusetts.

*From the Bangor Mercury, Nov. 17.*

Mr. GARDNER is a junior partner in the firm of DENNY, RICE & GARDNER, who are in the wholesale dry goods business on Kilby-street, and his nomination and election have been a fortune to the concern, their store having become the headquarters for all the Know-Nothing merchants in New-England who buy their goods in Boston.

SIMON BROWN, the Lieutenant-Governor-elect, was a lawyer, but he left the profession many years ago, and edits the *New England Farmer*. He married a sister of Hon. B. B. FRENCH, former Clerk of the House of Representatives and now President of the United States Telegraph Company, and was for some years a resident at Washington, where he held an office. He now resides at Concord. He was formerly a Democrat, but

## LATEST INTELLIGENCE

By Telegraph to the New-York Daily Times

**Arrival of the Southern Mail—The fate of David Stewart & Son, &c.**

BALTIMORE, Monday, Nov. 20.

The Southern mail, as late as due, has been received, but it brings no news of any importance.

No more failures have occurred here to day. Several small one's took place on Saturday.

DAVID STEWART & SON'S paper is selling at fifty cents on the dollar.

**Powder Explosion—Two Persons Killed.**

BALTIMORE, Monday, Nov. 20.

The drying house of JACOB JOHNSON, in Madison Township, Montgomery County, Penn., containing two tons of gunpowder, exploded this morning, killing HENRY WHITELER and JOSIAH, his son. The building was entirely destroyed.

**Southern Mail Failure.**

BALTIMORE, Monday, Nov. 20.

The Southern mail from points beyond Washington has failed to reach us this morning.

**Railroad Accident.**

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Nov. 20.

The Harrisburg train on the Columbia Railroad was thrown off the track when about twenty-four miles from this city. One of the passenger cars was rolled down an embankment and completely broken to pieces. None of the passengers were killed, but several were severely injured, among them Rev. Mr. WEBAY, a Baptist minister of this city. He was hit in the back by the water tank, by which his spine was badly hurt.

**Stabbing Affray at a Sailors Boarding-House in Boston.**

BOSTON, Monday, Nov. 20, 1854.

An affray took place this afternoon at the Sailors boarding-house of JOHN BUTCHER in North-street, during which RICHARD L. LEITH was mortally stabbed by JAMES KELLY, in consequence of which he died in a few minutes afterwards. LEITH was the second mate of the ship *Stafordshire*, when that vessel was lost, and had recently shipped as second mate of the new ship *John Elliot Thayer*. He belonged in Bristol, R. I. KELLY was arrested.

**Reopening of the Old Cambridge Bridge.**

BOSTON, Monday, Nov. 20.

The reopening of the old Cambridge Bridge, one of the principal thoroughfares between Boston and Cambridge, was celebrated this evening by a grand torchlight procession, fireworks, &c. The bridge has been closed several months for extensive repairs.

**The Steamship Black Warrior.**

NEW-ORLEANS, Sunday, Nov. 19.

The steamship *Black Warrior*, from New York via Havana, is telegraphed as being below.

**Cincinnati Money Market, &c., &c.**

CINCINNATI, Monday, Nov. 20.

Money matters continue to improve here, and confidence is rapidly gaining strength. Exchange is declining, and bankers are refusing to buy it at one and a half per cent. premium. Gold has also declined to one and a half per cent. premium.

Hogs are firmer. Two thousand were sold at $3 62 to $4.

One thousand barrels of prime Lard, deliverable in November and December, were sold at 8¼ cents.

**Conviction for Rescuing a Fugitive Slave—Fulmer, &c.**

MILWAUKEE, Monday, Nov. 20.

The trial of JOHN RYCROFT, who was indicted for an alleged participation in the rescue of the Fugitive Slave GROVES from the custody of the Marshal of Michigan in April last, occupied the attention of the United States District Court on Friday and Saturday, Judge MULLER presiding. The prisoner was convicted.

MESSRS. KNEELAND & HULL, brokers of this city, suspended payment to-day.

**Lowness of the Ohio River.**

WHEELING, Monday, Nov. 20.

The Ohio River is very low at this place, there being but thirty-eight inches of water. Small class boats are now taking freight and passengers for Cincinnati.

**Arrival of the Steamship Florida.**

SAVANNAH, Saturday, Nov. 18.

The steamship *Florida*, from New-York, arrived here early this (Saturday) morning.

## LONG ISLAND.

**Institution for Respectable Aged Females.**

The fourth annual meeting of this Association was held last evening, in the Brooklyn Athenæum. Mayor LAMBERT presided.

Rev. Mr. WEBB, of the Sands-street Methodist Church, opened the meeting by reading a portion of scripture and prayer.

The annual report was then read by Rev. Mr. ROCKWELL. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. TOZER, Rev. Mr. ROCKWELL and others.

From the annual report it appears that the whole receipts of the year amounted to upwards of $8,000, the large proportion of which has been paid out to defray the current expenses of the Institution. At the beginning of the last year there were twenty-four pensioners in the "Home," and six were received during the year. Three have died, viz.: ELIZABETH COLGAN, aged 65; MARY DEACON, aged 81, (of cholera); HANNAH MCCULLOCH. The inmates have been generally as healthy as could have been expected. The Managers return thanks to Dr. VALENTINE for his voluntary attendance upon the sick. The inmates have been supplied with the Gospel on every Sabbath day by the different clergymen in this vicinity, mostly from Brooklyn.

The "Home" is under the charge of forty lady managers, who deserve much credit for the economical, at the same time faithful, manner in which they have discharged their duties. They now ask the benevolent to contribute sufficient to take up the mortgage of $5,255 49, upon the property in the hands of the managers.

The annual donation visits were made yesterday at the "Home," when a liberal amount in money, clothing, and provisions, was contributed—all to be applied in defraying the current expenses of the year.

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☞ At a Special Meeting of the Managers of the Orphan Asylum Society, Held Nov. 15, 1854, the following resolutions were adopted:

*Whereas*, We have received with deep regret the intelligence of the decease of Mrs. General ALEXANDER HAMILTON, who was one of the founders of this Institution, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we cherish the remembrance of the valuable services she rendered this Society from the commencement, and her untiring efforts for its prosperity, as Manager and First Directress for more than forty years.

*Resolved*, That religious services be held in the Chapel of the Asylum on WEDNESDAY, Nov. 22, at 11 o'clock; and that Rev. Mr. Weston be requested to make an address.

*Resolved*, That we tenderly sympathize with the family of the deceased, and address to them a special invitation to attend on that occasion.

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☞ American Institute—FARMERS' CLUB.—A regular meeting will be held at the Repository, No. 351 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Nov. 21, at Noon. Subjects—Winter Manures for Grass Lands; Winter Working and Ventilation of Stables, and the Preservation of Poultry. Interesting papers will be read. Strangers are always specially welcome. Admission free to all.

H. MEIGS, Secretary.

☞ Masonic.—The members of Polar Star Lodge No. 80, F. A. M., are hereby notified to attend a meeting of the lodge on WEDNESDAY the 22d inst., at 12 M., at their room No. 118 Avenue D, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to our deceased worthy brother HIRAM P. PERRY, by order of the W. M.

WILLIAM PENNEY, Secretary.

☞ There will be Religious Services in the Chapel of the New-York Orphan Asylum, Bloomingdale, on WEDNESDAY, Nov. 22, at 11 o'clock, on the occasion of the death of Mrs. General ALEXANDER HAMILTON. The relations and friends of the family, and the clergy generally, are respectfully invited to attend.

☞ Special Express Notice.—ADAMS & CO. would inform the public that no interruption in their business will be occasioned by the fire at Judson's Hotel.

☞ A Lecture on Lectures will be delivered THIS EVENING at the Stuyvesant Institute, Broadway, by R. WALSH. Tickets, 25 cents, to be had at the door.

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The following resolutions, reported by a Committee, were adopted by the Young Men's Union Democratic Club at its meeting on Friday evening:

Whereas, The Young Men's Union Democratic Club, from its formal name, and desires only to perpetuate itself by an unswerving adherence to the first rule of right laid down in the original principles and practices of the Democratic Republican party, and cannot find in any manifestation of purpose, whether favorable or adverse, a reason for abandoning or modifying what they believe to be true and vital in theory and prosperous in practice—therefore,

Resolved, That we reiterate our adherence not only to the vital principles of Jeffersonian democracy, but, as all true democrats ought at this time, to the determination of all of us with regard to the special issues upon which we have once more fought the good fight in this State, and unanimously proclaim convinced now, and ever, the enormity of special legislation; of all the restrictive enactments abridging the constitutional liberty of the citizen, and substituting arbitrary power for individual responsibility; of all and every interference with the reserved rights of the States, or the original jurisdiction of the territories of the United States in matters of local concern, and their right to govern themselves in subordination to the Constitution; of all political associations having for their object the abridgement of the rights of any citizen, or interfere with the franchises; and

Resolved, We have found that the frauds perpetrated in election returns may successfully cipher Myndert H. Clark into the Governor's seat, after the votes have elected Horatio Seymour; therefore,

Resolved, That we hold such a defeat, if it shall be consummated, to be the occasion of redoubled strength, and a cause for renewed exertion, and we now propose to organize for a Democratic majority in the coming elections, which neither frauds can conquer nor arithmetic overcome.

Resolved, That as the best and the certain means of carrying out our principles, and of consolidating the Democratic party in the City of New-York, we recommend the continuance of the present Ward Clubs, under the designation of Union Democratic Clubs, organized on the Democratic platform, and in special opposition to the division contemplated by Myron H. Clark's temperance bill, and to what is popularly known as Know-Nothingism; and

Whereas, The political campaign just closed has been triumphantly attended by an intimate fusion of the interest-divorced masses of the Democratic party, on the basis of an abandonment of leaders for an adherence to principle; therefore, it is hoped that the whole party will rally to the support of one common standard, heedless of the obscure distinctions of "Hard" and "Soft" and, therefore, it is

Resolved, That this Club do appoint a Committee to confer and advise with the officers of the Ward Clubs, where organized, and to procure their organization in wards where they do not already exist, and that they report at the next regular meeting of this Club the result of their labors; and

Resolved, That for the purpose of a uniform and general organization and more efficient effort, the officers of all the ward organizations be, and are hereby, invited to meet with us in Convention, on the first Saturday of December (2d), at 8 o'clock P. M., at the Chinese Building, No. 169 Broadway.

## MARKET REPORTS.

Monthly—Carefully Reported for N. Y. Daily Times.

MONDAY, Nov. 20—6 P. M.

ASHES—Continue extremely passive and are quiet, last firm at $6 25@6 31½ for Pearls, and $6 87½ for Pots, $ 100 lb.

COFFEE—The market is inactive and buyers have any existing advantage. The day's sales include 20 mats Java at 13½c., 500 bags Rio at 9½@10½c. and 300 do. Domingo on terms not ascertained.

COPPER—We notice less animation in this line at the New-Haven sales; 30c.@31c. for Albertson and Brighton Lake Copper, and 28c. for old Sheathing. Other kinds are dull and nominal.

COTTON—No important variation is discernible in this line. The sales do not exceed 600 bales, at our previous figures:

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATION.

| | Upland. | Florida. | Mobile. | N.O.&Tex. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ordinary | 7½ | 7½ | 7½ | 7½ |
| Middling | 8½ | 9 | 9½ | 9½ |
| Middling Fair | 9½ | 9½ | 10 | 10½ |
| Fair | 10 | 10½ | 10½ | 11 |

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western brands are not quite so brisk, but are essentially unchanged in price. Common and Medium grades are in fair demand, both for home use and shipment at steady rates, while the higher descriptions have been sensitive, being held above the views of buyers. The arrivals are increasing and it is not so difficult to have orders executed. The day's sales amount to 7,800 bbls. We quote:

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| Superfine, No. 2 | $7 00@$8 00 |
| Inferior State | 8 00 @ 8 12½ |
| Mixed to Prime State | 8 12½@ 8 25 |
| Straight State | 8 25 @ 8 37½ |
| Favorite State | 8 37½@ 8 50 |
| Mixed Western | 8 62½@ 8 75 |
| Common to good Indiana and Michigan | 8 75 @ 9 00 |
| Fancy Michigan | 9 00 @ 9 12½ |
| Common to good Ohio | 8 62½@ 8 87½ |
| Fancy Ohio | 8 87½@ 9 12½ |
| Extra Indiana and Michigan | 9 25 @10 00 |
| Fancy Genesee | 8 25 @ 8 75 |
| Extra Genesee | 11 25 @11 25 |

Superfine Canadian is dull and declining. 2,000 bbls. in bond, were sold at $6 56. Southern is without any special change. We have to-day 2,000 bbls. found buyers at $6 75@$7 00 for inferior to good straight, and $8 50@$10 25 for favorite to fancy and extra, $ bbl. Rye Flour is quiet and languid. There have been 250 bbls. Jersey City Meal obtained at $4 50 $ bbl. Mr. Du Luzy tells us follows the Wheat Flour clearances from New-York for the fortnight ending with Nov. 19:

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| To London, bbls. | 300 | To West Indies, bbls. | 1,169 |
| To Liverpool | 4,570 | To South America | 6,041 |
| To Glasgow | 1,800 | To British Provinces | 8,708 |
| To Havre | 400 | | |

FRUIT—The day's business includes 1,000 boxes Layer Raisins at $2 20; 500 boxes Bunch do. at $2 90; and 300 half boxes do. do. at $1 45; with 300 quarter boxes do. do. at 75c. each.

GRAIN—Wheat is without any decided alteration. There is more offering, but at prices above the limits of purchasers, which prevent free transactions. The day's sales embrace 400 bushels handsome Genesee Wheat at $2 40; and 4,000 rather common Southern do. at $1 62. Rye is increasing in demand and value; 1,000 bushels Northern brought $1 23@$1 25 $ bushel. Barley is coming and wanted; A small lot of prime four rowed realized $1 43 $ bushel. Oats are salable and steady. Corn is not easier in demand and price; the sales include 2,000 bushels Southern at 62,600 bushels of Western entered at the ports, delivered, and 600 from store; but including some new Southern yellow at 90c.; and old Northern round yellow at 94c.@96c. $ bushel. Mr. Du Luzy reports, thus, the Grain clearances during the fortnight ending Nov. 18: To Liverpool, 6,329 bushels Wheat, and 354,971 bushels Corn; Glasgow, 1,700 bushels Wheat; to Cork, 94,362 bushels Corn; Waterford, 14,182 bushels Corn; Belfast, 16,028 bushels Corn; Havre, 27,294 do. do.; British Provinces, 9,664 do. do.; West Indies, 504 do. do.

HAY—About 500 bales River were taken, at 65c.@70c. for shipment, and 60c.@67½c. for local use, $ 100 lb.

HOPS—Prices are less active, and are languid in spots. We quote, 22c.@25c. being about the range, $ lb.

IRON—Scotch Pig is rather quiet, but is steady in price. 150 tons realized $28@29, usual credit. $ ton. American and English Bar remains as previously reported.

LATHS—Eastern have not varied, being still in plenty supply and fair request, at $2 25 $ 1,000.

LIME—Rockland is in slack demand, at 95c. for common, and $1 12½ for lump, $ bbl.

MOLASSES—The market is poorly supplied, and is inactive, but we can notice no alteration in prices.

NAVAL STORES—Crude Turpentine is salable and firm, at $4 50; $ 280 lbs. Spirits do. has been purchased to the extent of 600 bbls., since our last, at 34c. cash, and 37c. time, $ gallon. Tar is unchanged. 800 bbls Common Resin brought $3 $ 310 lbs., delivered.

OILS—Crude is still held above the limits of buyers, at Sperm, for Whale, and Lin seed at 82 $ Sperm, $ gallon. Hence there is not much doing in this line. Refined Whale and Sperm, with Olive are quiet, at old prices. Linseed is sparingly dealt in, at 79c. for large, and 80c.@85c. for small lots, $ gallon. Lard Oil appears among the same.

PROVISIONS—Pork is in fair demand, and the improvement last noticed is pretty generally sustained. The day's sales reach 1,000 bbls., at $12 06@$12 75 for Mess, and $11 37½ for prime, $ bbl. Dressed Hogs are in better supply and request, at 6c @7c. $ lb. Lard is quiet, but firm; 250 bbls. fair to prime were purchased at 10½c.@10¾c. $ lb. Beef is moderately active, at firm prices. The day's sales consist of 300 bbls., at $5 50@$7 for Country Prime; $7 50@$10 for Country Mess; $12 50 for Vermont do.; $14 for City do.; $10@$13 50 for new and old Chicago, and $10 for Extra do., $ bbl. Beef Hams, Butter and Cheese are unchanged.

RICE—Remains inactive and languid; 70 tierces were sold to-day within our former range.

SPICES—This day's sales include 1,000 mats Cassia in bond for export at 20c., and a few lots of Pimento at 12½c. $ lb.

SUGARS—Appear quiet at previous figures. The days movements comprise 100 hhds New-Orleans, at 8½c.@9½c.; and 200 Cuba, at 8½c.@9½c. $ lb.

TALLOW—There were 15,000 lbs. prime reported as having been sold, to-day, at 12½c. $ lb.—is advance.

WHISKY—Has not varied much. The day's sales consist of 500 bbls. Ohio and Prime at 25c.@26c. cash and short credit, with 60 bbls. Drudge at 27c., 4 months time, $ gallon.

FREIGHTS—Were improving. For Liverpool, the engagements reported 40,000 bushels Corn, at 4½d. $ bushel, and 5d. in ships' best, $ bushel; 300 bbls. Flour, at 2s. 6d.; and 40 tons Logwood, on terms not disclosed. For London, the shipments embraced 100 bbls Oil Cake, at 17s. 6d.; and 1,300 boxes Tea, on the same rate. For Antwerp, there were 80 bales Hops taken, at 1c. $ lb. For California, there was more of a lifting, while the accumulation was less extensive, and rates were risen. The clipper ship Alvarez engaged 500 tons measurement goods, at 40c. $ foot.

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## CITY BANK STATEMENTS.

Published in this Daily Times by Order of the Bank Commissioner of the Banking Department.

STATEMENT OF THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK, OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$4,189,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....$45,[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....$97,556 00
Average amount of Deposits.....$1,[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, D. A. BIRDS, Cashier of the AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
D. A. BIRDS, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE ATLANTIC BANK, OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, Geo. D. ARTHUR, Cashier of the ATLANTIC BANK, of the City of New-York, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
GEO. D. ARTHUR, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF AMERICA—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$3,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....$54,[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation, notes of late Bank.....$2,[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$1,180,[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, Jos. PURDY, Cashier of the BANK OF AMERICA, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
JOS. PURDY, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF COMMERCE IN NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$1,[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, HENRY P. VAIL, Cashier of the BANK OF COMMERCE in New-York, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
H. P. VAIL, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH, NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, JAMES B. WILSON, President of the BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
JAMES B. WILSON, President.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$2,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier of the BANK OF NEW-YORK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
THOMAS STEWART, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF NORTH AMERICA—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,317,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$1,180,[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ISAAC SEYMOUR, Cashier of the BANK OF NORTH AMERICA, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
I. SEYMOUR, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF THE REPUBLIC, OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$2,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....$2,[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ROBERT H. LOWRY, Cashier of the BANK OF THE REPUBLIC, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
R. H. LOWRY, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
E. F. CORBY, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$2,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, [illegible], Cashier of the BANK OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
A. C. GRAHAM, Notary Public.

STATEMENT OF THE BOWERY BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, NATHANIEL G. BRADFORD, Cashier of the BOWERY BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
N. G. BRADFORD, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
JAS. L. BERRIEN, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BROADWAY BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, JAMES S. WORTHINGTON, President of the BROADWAY BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
MATTHEW PATTON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BULL'S HEAD BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, C. S. VANDERHOOF, Cashier of the BULL'S HEAD BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
C. S. VANDERHOOF, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
WM. SINCLAIR, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,041,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, JOHN BURDEN, President of the BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
R. LEWIS, Jr., Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
GEO. G. SAYRES, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, [illegible], President of the CENTRAL BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
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STATEMENT OF THE CHATHAM BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, O. W. ROBBINS, Cashier of the CHATHAM BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
O. W. ROBBINS, Cashier.
Subscribed before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
THEODORE MARTIN, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE CHEMICAL BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, S. S. JONES, President of the CHEMICAL BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
S. S. JONES, President.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
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STATEMENT OF THE CITIZENS' BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, E. W. COMSTOCK, Cashier of the CITIZENS' BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. W. COMSTOCK, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
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STATEMENT OF THE CITY BANK, as required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ROBERT RAYNER, Cashier of the CITY BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
R. RAYNER, Cashier.
Sworn before me this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE COMMERCE BANK, as required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, W. V. HAYES, Cashier of the COMMERCE BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
W. V. HAYES, Cashier.
Sworn before me this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE CONTINENTAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$2,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, W. V. HOOKER, Cashier of the CONTINENTAL BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
W. V. HOOKER, Cashier.
Sworn before me this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE CORN EXCHANGE BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, F. A. PLATT, Cashier of the CORN EXCHANGE BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct.
F. A. PLATT, Cashier.
Sworn before me this 20th day of November, 1854.
SMITH E. LANE, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE EAST RIVER BANK, NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, WILLIAM B. BALLOW, Cashier of the EAST RIVER BANK, New-York, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
W. B. BALLOW, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
THOS. MACFARLAN, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE EMPIRE CITY BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ROBERT CREAMER, Cashier of the EMPIRE CITY BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
ROBERT CREAMER, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
ISAAC O. BARKER, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE FULTON BANK, IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,319,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, W. V. LANE, Cashier of the FULTON BANK, in the City of New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above statement is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
W. V. LANE, Cashier.
Sworn before me this 20th day of November, 1854.
EDWIN E. COBBY, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE GREENWICH BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, WILLIAM HAWES, Cashier of the GREENWICH BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
WILLIAM HAWES, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
JAMES HARRISON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE GROCERS' BANK IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ISAAC SEYMOUR, Cashier of the BANK OF NORTH AMERICA, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
I. SEYMOUR, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE HANOVER BANK, NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, THOMAS L. TAYLOR, Cashier of the HANOVER BANK, New-York, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
THOS. L. TAYLOR, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE ISLAND CITY BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, WM. STREETER, Cashier of the ISLAND CITY BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
WM. STREETER, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
T. S. HALSEY, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE IRVING BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, D. N. H. BERTHOLF, Cashier of the IRVING BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct.
DANL. N. H. BERTHOLF, Cashier.
Sworn before me this 20th day of November, 1854.
JNO. HUGHSAM, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE KNICKERBOCKER BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, JOHN A. GUNN, Cashier of the KNICKERBOCKER BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct.
J. A. GUNN, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
WM. DARROW, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE LEATHER MANUFACTURERS' BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, THOMAS B. ATTWATER, Cashier of the LEATHER MANUFACTURERS' BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
T. B. ATTWATER, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MANHATTAN COMPANY OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, GEO. A. CLARK, Assistant Cashier of the GROCERS' BANK, in the City of New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
GEO. A. CLARK, Assistant Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
JOHN C. ERBEN, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MANUFACTURERS' AND MECHANICS' BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, JAS. M. MORRISON, Cashier of the MANUFACTURERS' AND MECHANICS' BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. M. MORRISON, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MARINE BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, J. O. SEARS, Cashier of the MARINE BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. O. SEARS, Cashier.
Sworn before me this 20th day of November, 1854.
WILLIAM DUBOIS, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MARKET BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ROBERT H. MAYDOCK, Cashier of the MARKET BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
R. H. MAYDOCK, Cashier.
Subscribed before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
ENOS E. COBBY, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MECHANICS' BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, FRANCIS B. EDMONDS, President of the MECHANICS' BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
F. B. EDMONDS, President.
Sworn before me this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MECHANICS' BANKING ASSOCIATION—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, JOHN J. SPENCER, Cashier of the MECHANICS' BANKING ASSOCIATION, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. J. SPENCER, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, H. D. BROWN, President of the MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct.
H. D. BROWN, President.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
JOHN M. DAVIES, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MERCANTILE BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, E. J. BLAKE, Cashier of the MERCANTILE BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. J. BLAKE, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
O. S. WESELLS, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MERCHANTS' BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$3,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, AUGUSTUS H. SILLIMAN, Cashier of the MERCHANTS' BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
AUGUSTUS H. SILLIMAN, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE BANK, IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier of the MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE BANK, in the City of New-York, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
JNO. HUGHSAM, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN BANK, OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$2,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, HENRY MEIGS, Jr., Cashier of the METROPOLITAN BANK, of the City of New-York, being duly sworn, depose and say, that the above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
H. MEIGS, Jr., Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE NASSAU BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, B. A. TOOKER, Cashier of the NASSAU BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
B. A. TOOKER, Cashier.
Sworn before me this 20th day of November, 1854.
ROBERT M. STERLING, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, E. T. HOOGLAND, Cashier of the NATIONAL BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. T. HOOGLAND, Cash'r.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF THE NEW-YORK DRY DOCK COMPANY—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, FREDERICK T. HAYES, Cashier of the NEW-YORK DRY DOCK COMPANY, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct.
F. T. HAYES, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
JOHN ANDERSON, Jr., Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE NEW-YORK EXCHANGE BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, D. D. HALSTEAD, Cashier of the NEW-YORK EXCHANGE BANK, being duly sworn, deposes and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
D. D. HALSTEAD, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
JOHN PHILLIPS, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE NORTH RIVER BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, A. S. HAYS, Cashier of the NORTH RIVER BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say, that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
A. S. HAYS, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
EDWARD N. ROGERS, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE OCEAN BANK IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, E. J. GIBBONS, Cashier of the OCEAN BANK of the City of New-York, being duly affirmed, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. J. GIBBONS, Cashier.
Affirmed before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
JOHN PHILLIPS, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE ORIENTAL BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, WESTON HOWLAND, Jr., Cashier of the ORIENTAL BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
WESTON HOWLAND, Jr., Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE PACIFIC BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, J. CAMPBELL, Jr., Cashier of the PACIFIC BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct.
J. CAMPBELL, Jr., Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
WM. LEE, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, GIDEON DE ANGELIS, Cashier of the PEOPLE'S BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
G. DE ANGELIS, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
WM. E. SNAY, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE PHENIX BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation, notes of the late Phenix Bank.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, P. M. BEYSON, Cashier of the PHENIX BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
P. M. BEYSON, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
THOMAS S. SOMERS, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE ST. NICHOLAS BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, P. B. OAKLEY, Cashier of the ST. NICHOLAS BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
P. B. OAKLEY, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
JAS. HILLYER, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE SEVENTH WARD BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, ALFRED S. FRASER, Cashier of the SEVENTH WARD BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
A. S. FRASER, Cashier.
Sworn before me this 20th day of November, 1854.
GILBERT S. NIXON, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE SHOE AND LEATHER BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, W. A. RUSSELL, Cashier of the SHOE AND LEATHER BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say, that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
W. A. RUSSELL, Cashier.
Sworn before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
SAMUEL F. SELL, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE TRADESMEN'S BANK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$1,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, RICHARD BURRY, Cashier of the TRADESMEN'S BANK, New-York, being duly affirmed, depose and say that the above statement is correct.
RICHARD BURRY, Cashier.
Affirmed before me, this 20th day of November, 1854.
E. B. FELLOWS, Commissioner of Deeds.

STATEMENT OF THE UNION BANK, NEW-YORK—As required by Chapter 320, Laws of 1853, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1854:
Average amount of Loans and Discounts.....$2,204,[illegible]
Average amount of Specie.....[illegible]
Average amount of Circulation.....[illegible]
Circulation of the late Union Bank.....[illegible]
Average amount of Deposits.....[illegible]
City and County of New-York, ss.—I, D. REBETS, Cashier of the UNION BANK, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
D. REBETS, Cashier.
Sworn before me

## THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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your Association will ever cease fight on whatever is injurious to the commercial, social, civil, religious interest of mankind in the land of RALEIGH and the Republic, the Huguenots and Santos, De Soto and the Father of Waters, and the new Anglo-American Academies on the Rio Grande and the Pacific.

I can imagine no studies more elevating and exciting to their votaries—more fruitful in portable and permanent results—more preventive of vexatious and offensive by the tables of the Sixes—and no field of history, ancient or modern, feel on full of attractive and interest.

Every best wishes for the success of the future labors of your Society, on well or successes of the station respect with which I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,
WILLIAM A. GRAHAM.

*Letter from Hon. Edward Everett.*

BOSTON, Nov. 17, 1854.

DEAR SIR: I was favored, a short time since, with your official invitation to attend the Anniversary Festival of the New-York Historical Society. I have also had the honor to be named as a member of the delegation of the Massachusetts Historical Society, appointed to be present on behalf of that body on this pleasing occasion.

It would afford me the greatest pleasure were it in my power to attend a celebration of so much interest and importance. The desire of hearing the discourse of your President is almost too strong to be resisted. Other duties however make the occasion one of unusual attraction; but domestic circumstances prevent my leaving home.

The half century which has elapsed since the organization of your Society, has been filled every where, and in where more than in New-York, with great events and great names. When your Association was founded, the State of New-York, with a population of the last presidency rather short of six hundred thousand, was the third in a Union of twenty-three States. She is now, with a population of more than three millions at the last census, by far the largest member of a Union of thirty-one States. With the increase of population there has been an increase of agricultural, manufacturing and commercial wealth which defies estimate; a multiplication almost unlimited of all the noble institutions of religion, education, philanthropy and general culture, which give so much of its efficiency to our modern civilization.

Your own imperial City with Brooklyn, numbered in 1800 but sixty-four thousand inhabitants; the two cities contain, I suppose, now count less than ten or eleven times that number. Besides this, your vast Metropolis, look at the interior:

Adde aut egregias urbes, opumque laborem
Tot congesta manus praemptis oppida mole,
Praeterea numerum ingentes laboratis moenia.

And the venerable men, who have passed some portion at least of the last half century on the stage of life, who have contributed or promoted, achieved or adorned this marvellous progress; men like HAMILTON, who engrafted the public credit; like JAY, who conducted the critical affairs of the country at the most critical period of its existence, and never wrote a line that needed to be qualified or blotted; like CLINTON, who contemplated that great union of the waters, and MORRIS, his fervid and efficient coadjutor; like FULTON, who first, with your Livingston, subdued the winds and the waves to the service of man; like COOPER, the great American novelist; like KENT and WEBSTER, who in the two departments of jurisprudence, the municipal and the public law, have enriched the literature of their country with works of standard excellence, and taken their place among the teachers of mankind.

With regard to two of the names mentioned, CLINTON and FULTON, when we consider, in reference to the former, the greatness of the conception of making New-York the outlet of the great Lakes,—the difficulties to be overcome in the state of engineering at that time,—the limited financial resources then at command—with the absolutely inappreciable local utility of the enterprise; and when, in the case of FULTON, we consider the almost infinite consequences of his achievement to all the arts of locomotion—the social revolution in commercial and military navigation to which it is leading, I cannot know where in the history of discovery and invention we can find brighter names.

Nor have you lost to honor of in the studies which more immediately belong to a Historical Society. No great branch of literature has been so successfully cultivated in America as History; and I believe that even European criticism, not over partial to merit on this side of the Atlantic, will bear me out when I say, that in addition to many works of sterling value, which I have no room here to name, American has within twenty-five years, produced three histories, whose works will go down to future ages, namely, with those that have already stood the test of centuries, those of HALLAM, THUYDENS, and KNOXMAN,—of GIBBON, SALLUST, and TACITUS,—of HUME, GUICCIARDINI, HALLAM and MACAULAY, than I one of the shining expositions of IRVING, PRESCOTT and BANCROFT. I believe their works will be read till the English language is forgotten.

I regret not be able to add that, while they belong unanimously not merely to the country, but to all the world, our city States may claim the more immediate property in them, in nearly equal shares. The author of the *Life of Columbus*, by birth and residence is wholly yours; the author of the *Conquest of Florida* is in the same category, so to speak, wholly ours; while the Historian of the United States has divided himself pretty fairly between us, so that some of us from time to time proud of our share, runs away from us both in the Summer.

Deeply regretting that I cannot join you in the celebration of this auspicious occasion,

I remain, dear Sir, sincerely yours,
EDWARD EVERETT.

*Letter from Gen. Winfield Scott.*

No. 136 WEST TWENTY-STREET, Nov. 15, 1854.

MY DEAR GOVERNOR: Having lost the day of your celebration, I was about to answer your flattering note affectionately; but, pausing for inquiry, I am to meet the Secretary of War at Washington the same day—Monday next, at 12 o'clock.

I very much regret the inconvenience of this engagement, for I am anxious to cultivate intimate relations with the New-York Historical Society, and its approaching anniversary cannot fail to be highly interesting. With the highest respect and esteem, I remain, my dear Governor, yours truly, WINFIELD SCOTT.

Hon. LUTHER BRADISH.

The PRESIDENT gave the health of EDWARD EVERETT, whether in Congress or the Senate, at the higher duties of the Cabinet, alike distinguished in all.

Rev. Dr. CHEEVER was loudly called for. He made a speech replete with much humor, referring to the influx of the Irish and the German races, and showing how they became elevated and improved by learning the customs and institutions of this Country.

Rev. Dr. BETHUNE said while he sympathized with his brethren from various parts of this Country, he felt a peculiar drawing to the few native born—those who were children when he was a child, and who were grown up when he became a man—the New-Yorker! (Cheers.) There was a warm corner in his heart for all who bear that name. He did not require to refer to the history of the city for past, but to the history of our to-day good town. It was full of remembrances. He proceeded to refer to the numerous friends who had mingled with the gladness and festivity of these happy hours in which the anniversaries of this Society had been celebrated in times that are past.

Martin VAN BUREN was loudly called for, but The President said he had been requested to name Dr. Lyttleton of Birmingham. (Loud cheers.)

Dr. LYTTLETON made some appropriate remarks and concluded by offering the following sentiment:

*All the States of this Union*—What is peculiar to each, all in common—let its value, all its efficacy, and all its power to the which to contribute to all of them—their unity. (Loud applause.)

A Mr. Grosser, who was called for from all parts of the room, spoke on the vast extent of domain which is bounded on the north by perpetual snow, on the south by continuing sunshine, on the east by the Atlantic and on the west by our ships, and on the west by a sea of gold. If, then, the progress of the future shall be equal to that of the last fifty years, this whole vast continent will become our own. Fifty years ago we were a poor people; now we have become wealthy, powerful and happy. (Laughter and cheers.)

Referring to the politics he said that one of the leading characteristics was the division of the Whig party, which had derived its name from the hair on the head. The hair were the silver Grays, certainly of kindred origin. The origin of the Hard Shells he thought had been derived from a very hard-headed member of this Society. (Laughter.) The Barn-burners were incendiaries of the first water, and the Know-Nothings had adopted as their motto—

"Where ignorance is bliss,
'Tis folly to be wise."

He proceeded to make some remarks in reference to Spiritualism, and concluded by proposing as a sentiment:

*The Present Age*—The age of Iron.

Cuz. Sparkman, of Cincinnati, was next called upon. He said he could imagine when there was but one stage line run from Greenwich down to Wall-street, and then was called the Greenwich stage. If there is anything which was back in the present time, it is everything for the past. The country was extended to nearly like self. In conclusion he would give "Our Country." He had been brought up in New-York, and had resided throughout the States, and he had become convinced that reliance on his own Americans are in favor of Union and of the protection. (Applause.)

Mr. W. Sherry then rehearsed the service of British Admiral Napier, on Sebastopol, and concluded by offering the following sentiment:

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